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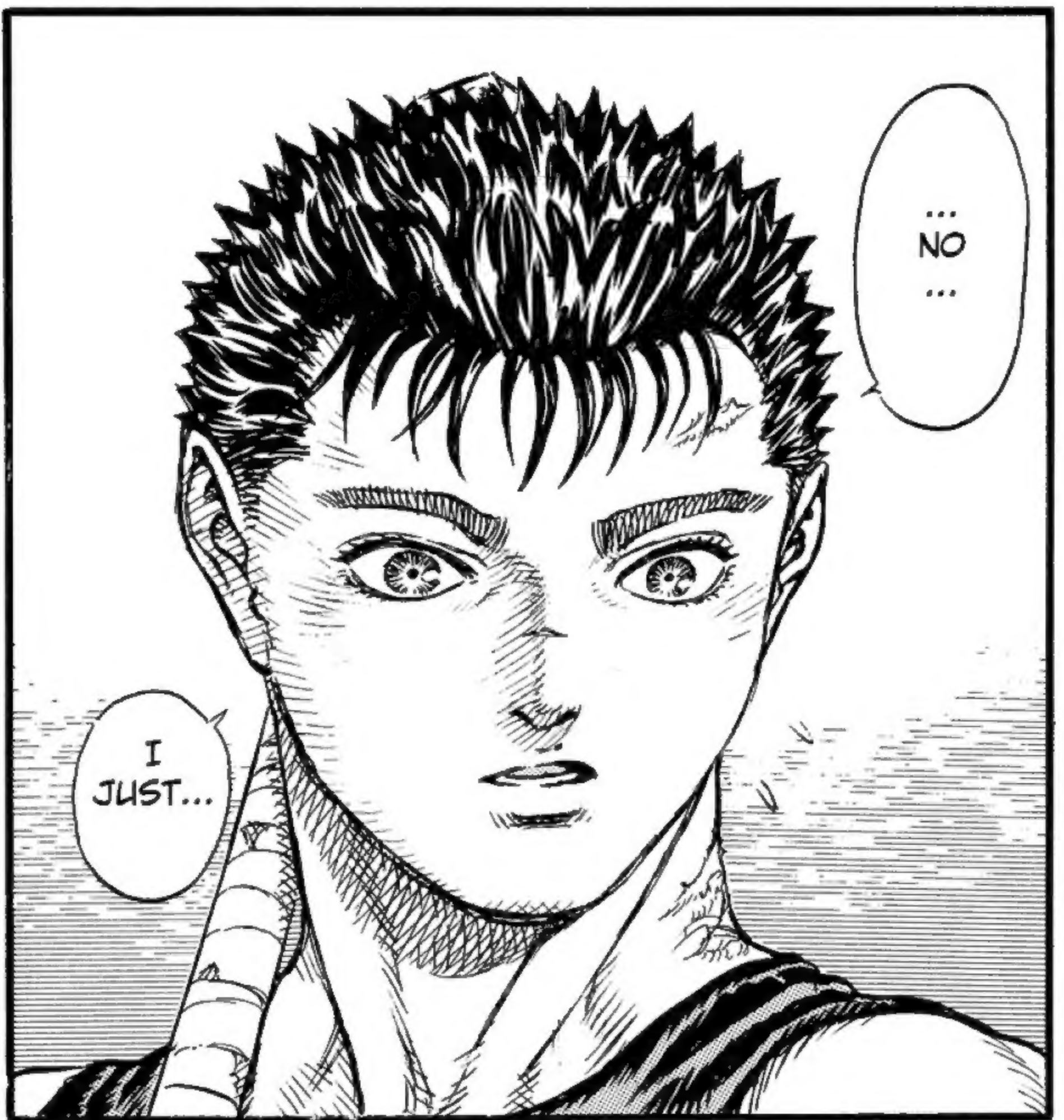
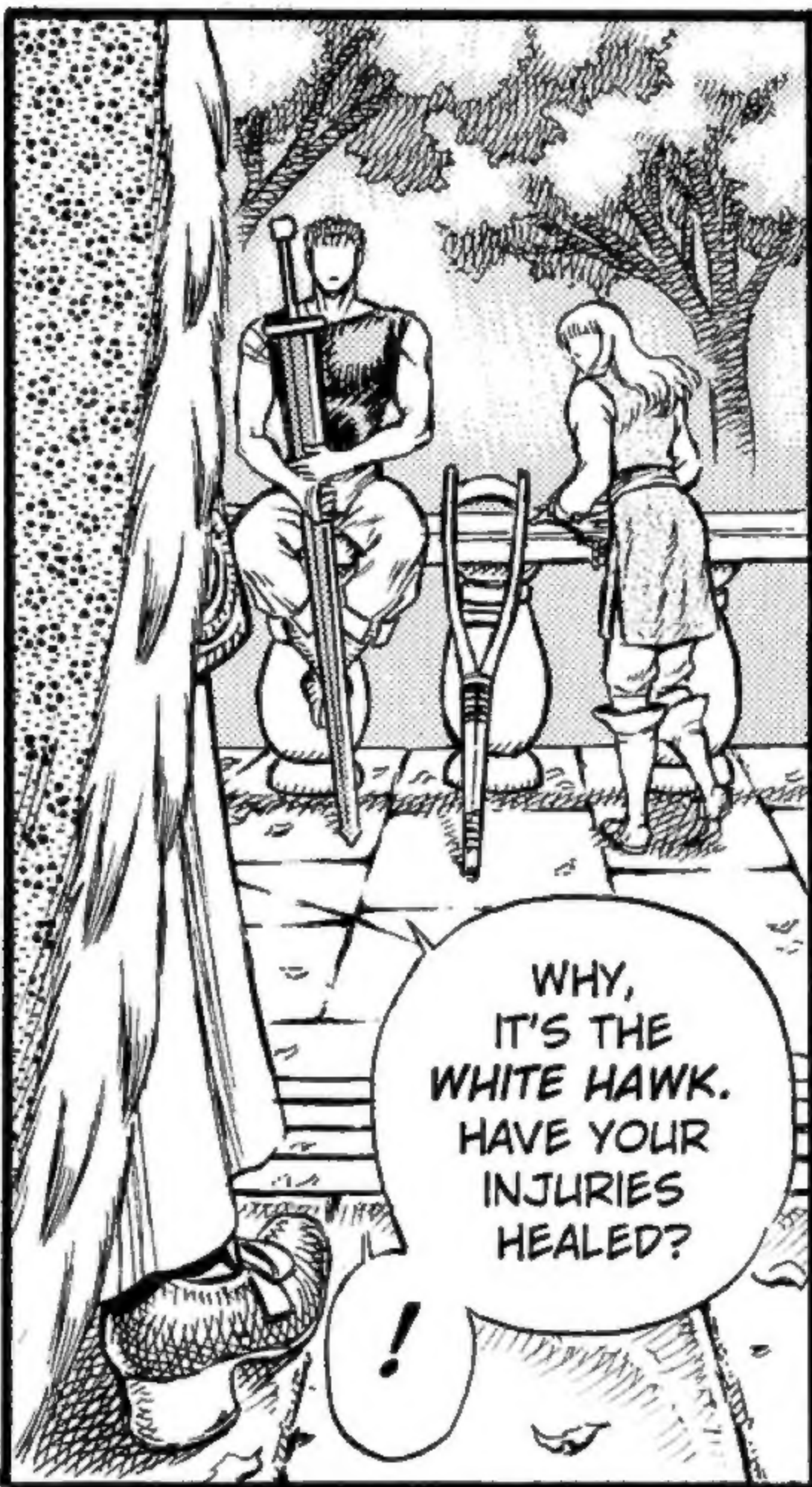
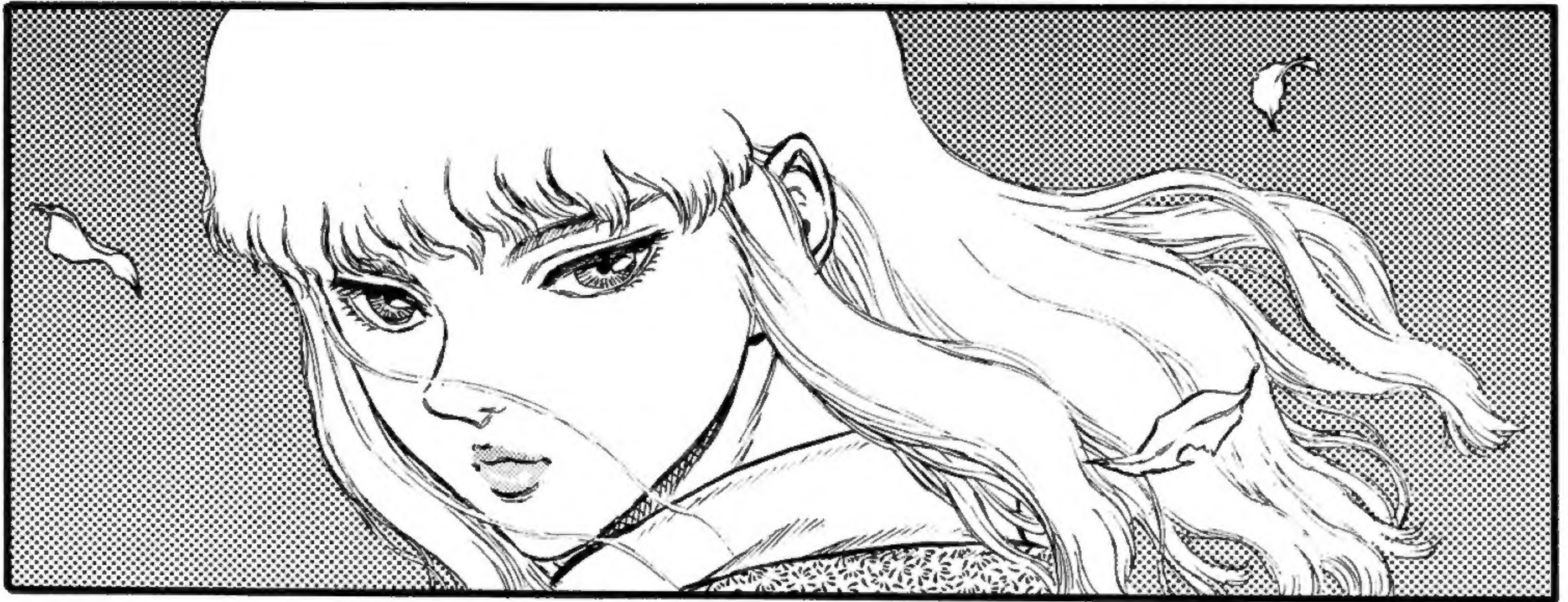
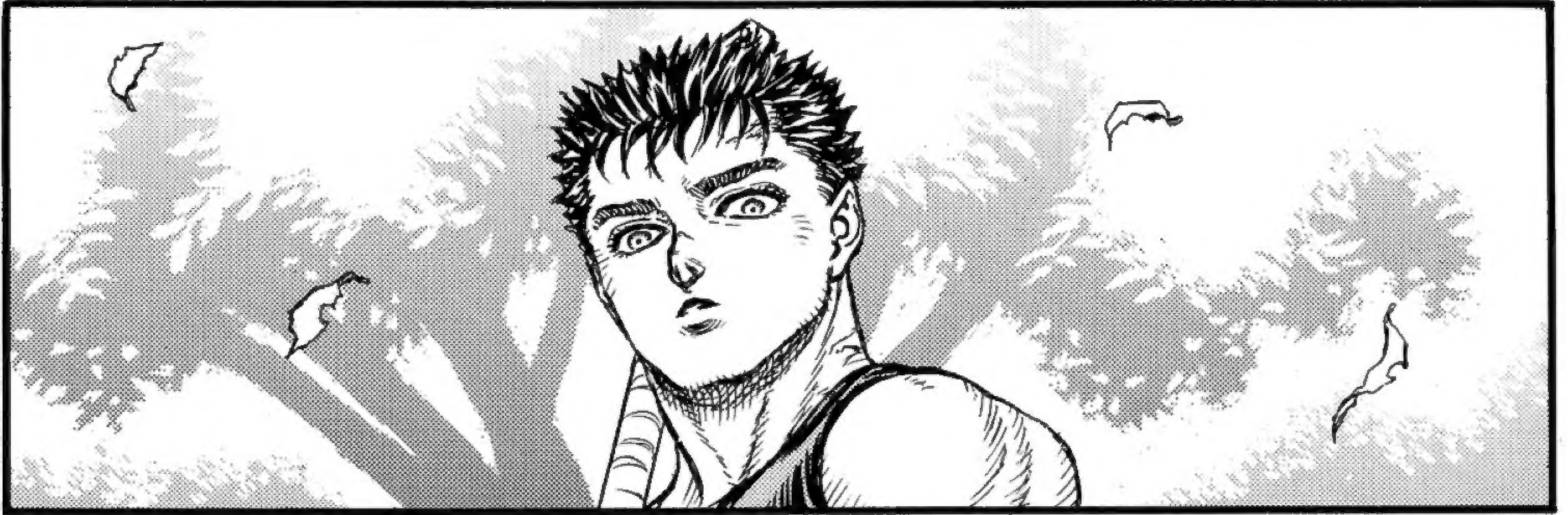
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...I PUT
MYSELF IN
HARM'S
WAY FOR
YOUR
SAKE?

TELL ME,
DO I NEED
A REASON
EACH
TIME...

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剣の主(2) MASTER OF THE SWORD
CHAPTER 2



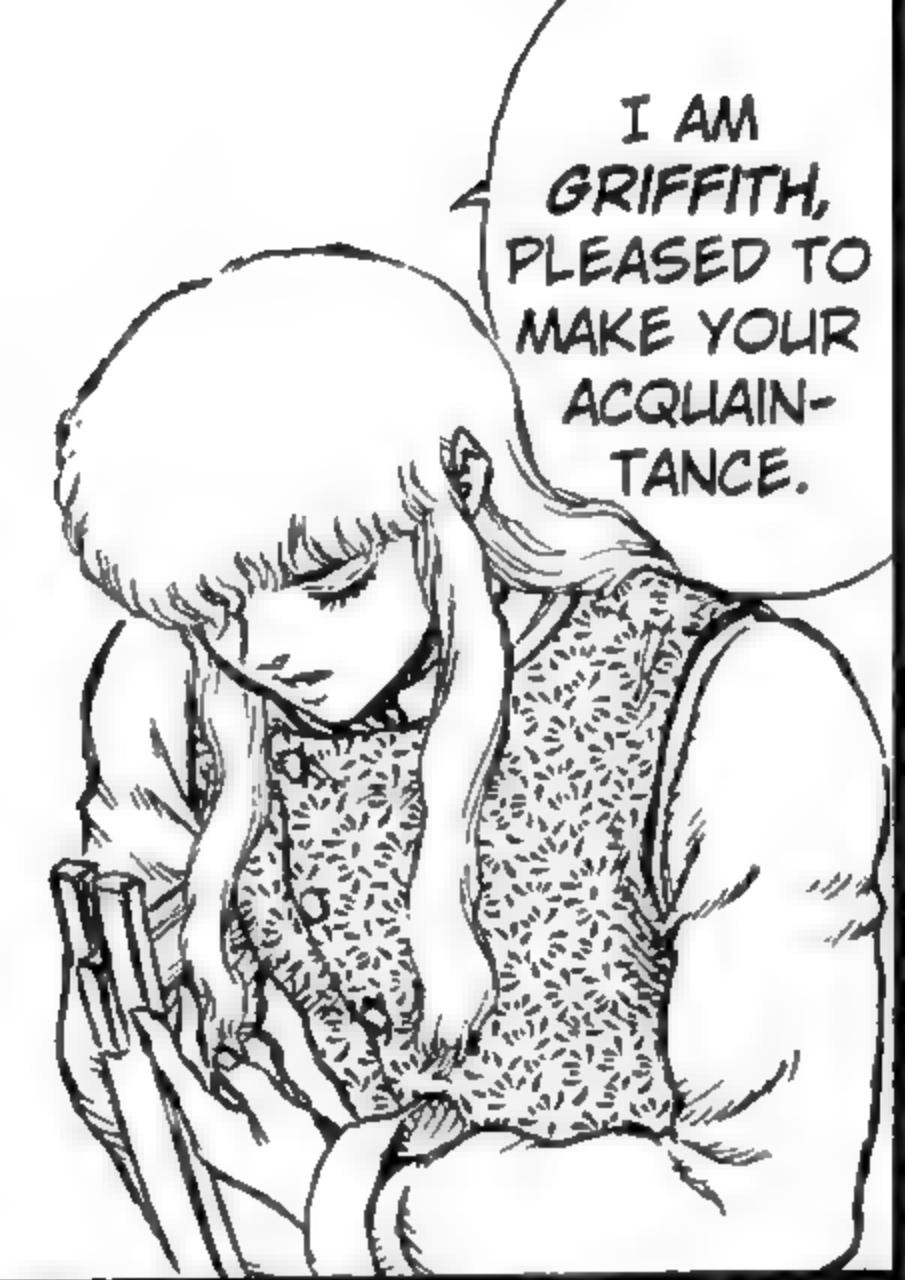




**YOU ARE
BEFORE
THE KING!!
HOW DARE
YOU?!**

**YOU
THERE
!!**





I AM
GRIFFITH,
PLEASED TO
MAKE YOUR
ACQUAIN-
TANCE.



HE IS
GENERAL OF
THE WHITE
DRAGONS AND
SECOND IN
SUCCESSION
TO THE THRONE
OF MIDLAND.

LET ME
INTRODUCE
YOU. THIS IS
MY YOUNGER
BROTHER,
COUNT
JULIUS.



THERE
IS NOT
EVEN A
MOMENT'S
REST TO
BE HAD...

THE CASTLE
IS TEEMING
WITH AGITATION
FROM ALL THE
SUCCESSIVE
BATTLES
AND WAR
COUNCILS.



→HMPH.←



MY
GRACIOUS
THANKS.

...ARE
ALWAYS
MOST
IMPRES-
SIVE.

INCIDENTALLY,
SIR GRIFFITH,
THE
BATTLEFIELD
EXPLOITS OF
YOUR BAND
OF THE
HAWK...



I RECALL
WHEN OF OLD
MY SUBJECTS
AND I
WOULD RUN
ABOUT THE
BATTLEFIELD...
ALAS, WHEN
I WAS
YOUNG...

WHEN I
SEE THE
DARING VALOR
WITH WHICH YOU
ALL FIGHT, IT
MAKES EVEN
THIS OLD MAN'S
BLOOD SEEM
TO BOIL...



NOR
DO
THEY
FEED
THE
PEOPLE.
THESE
ARE
TROUBLED
TIMES.

BUT
PRESTIGE,
STATUS
AND
THE
LIKE
DO
NOT
WIN
BATTLES.



SPEAKING THAT
WAY WITH A
MERE TROOP
COMMANDER...

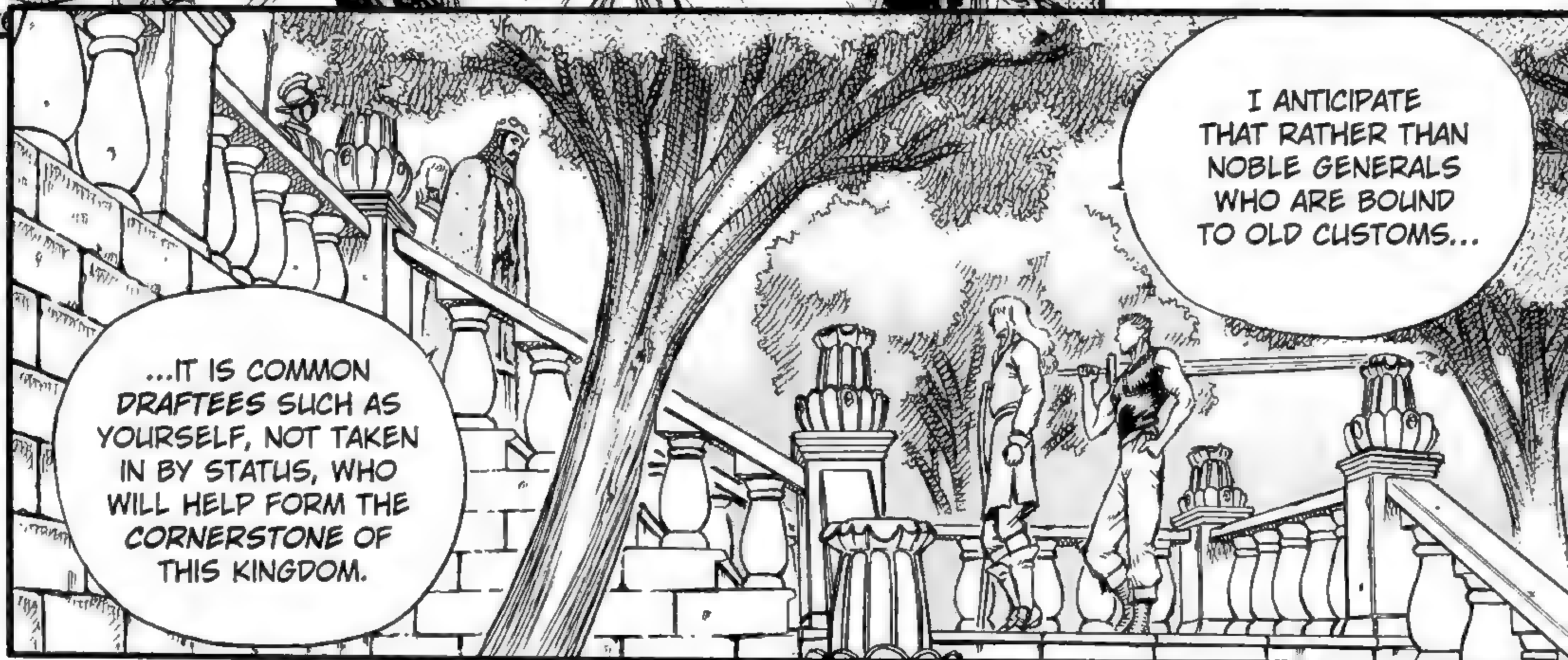
SIRE.

COME,
THERE IS
NO WRONG
IN IT.



THEY SAY THAT
THE INFLUENCE
OF THOSE OF
COMMON
ORIGIN WILL
REFLECT
POORLY ON
OUR ARMY'S
PRESTIGE.

IT IS TRUE
THAT THERE
ARE STATES-
MEN WHO DO
NOT THINK
FAVORABLY
OF SUCH
PEOPLE...



...IT IS COMMON
DRAFTEES SUCH AS
YOURSELF, NOT TAKEN
IN BY STATUS, WHO
WILL HELP FORM THE
CORNERSTONE OF
THIS KINGDOM.

I ANTICIPATE
THAT RATHER THAN
NOBLE GENERALS
WHO ARE BOUND
TO OLD CUSTOMS...



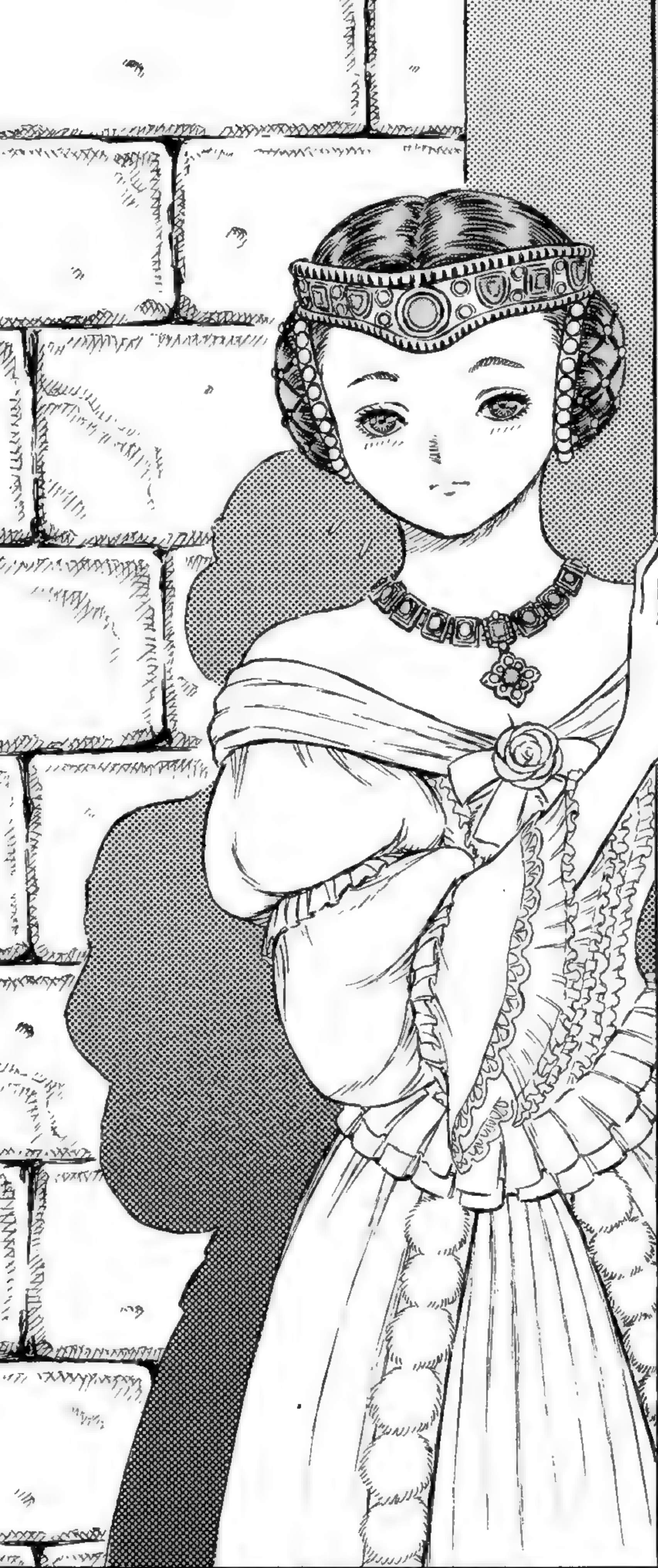
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MOST
GRATEFUL.

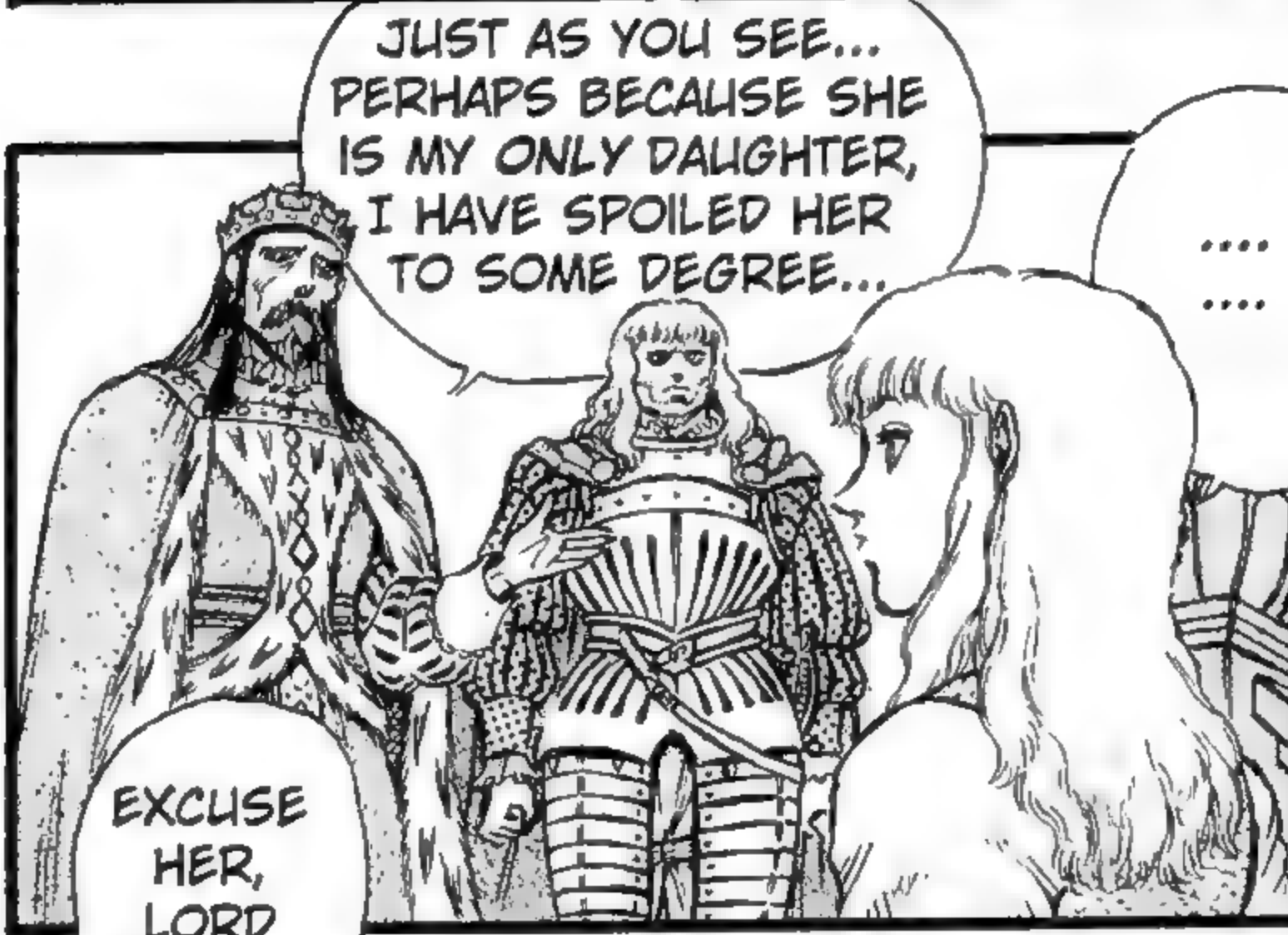
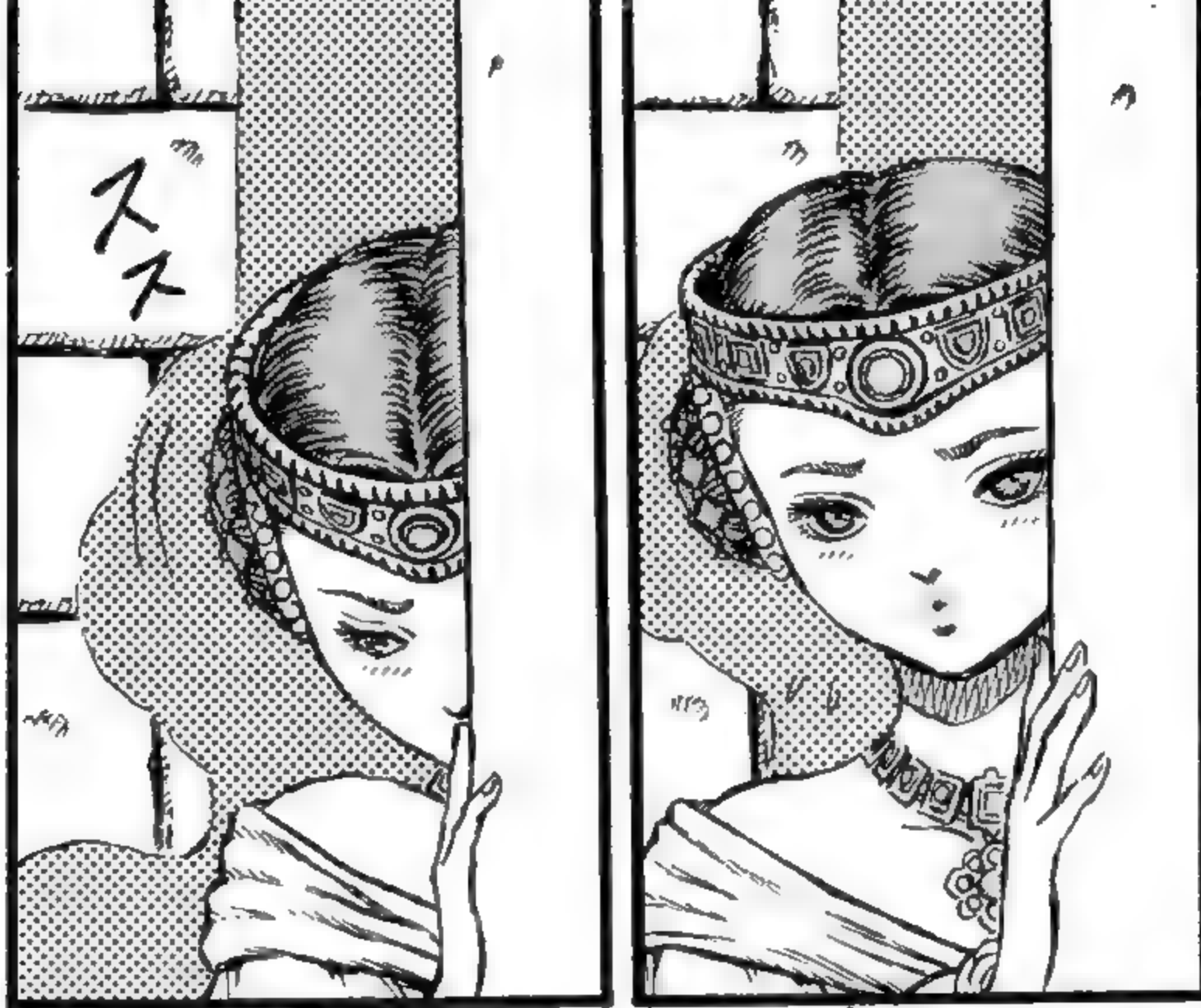
FOR
YOUR
SINCERE
WORDS
OF
THANKS...



CH!

....
....





JUST AS YOU SEE...
PERHAPS BECAUSE SHE
IS MY ONLY DAUGHTER,
I HAVE SPOILED HER
TO SOME DEGREE...

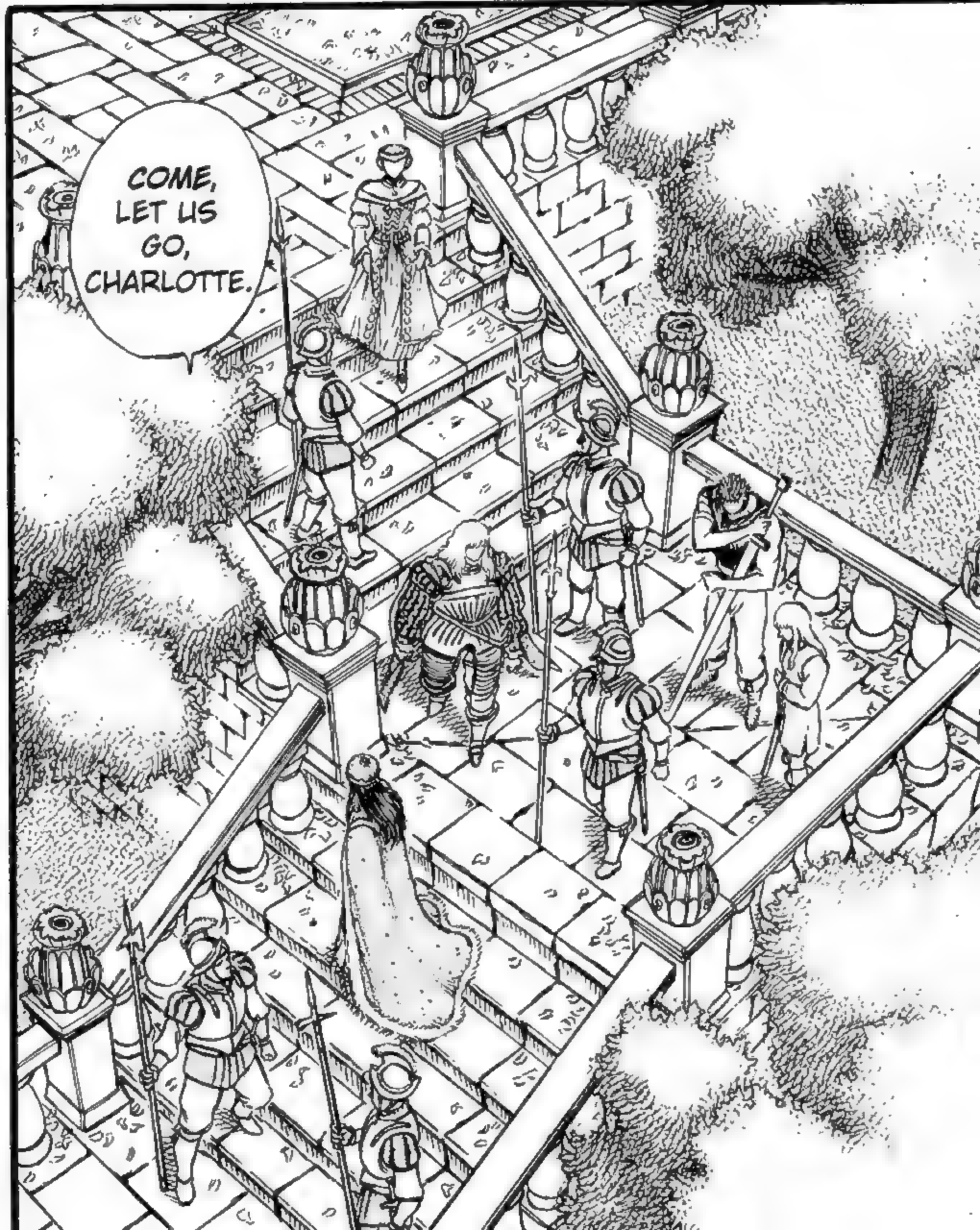
EXCUSE
HER,
LORD
GRIFFITH.



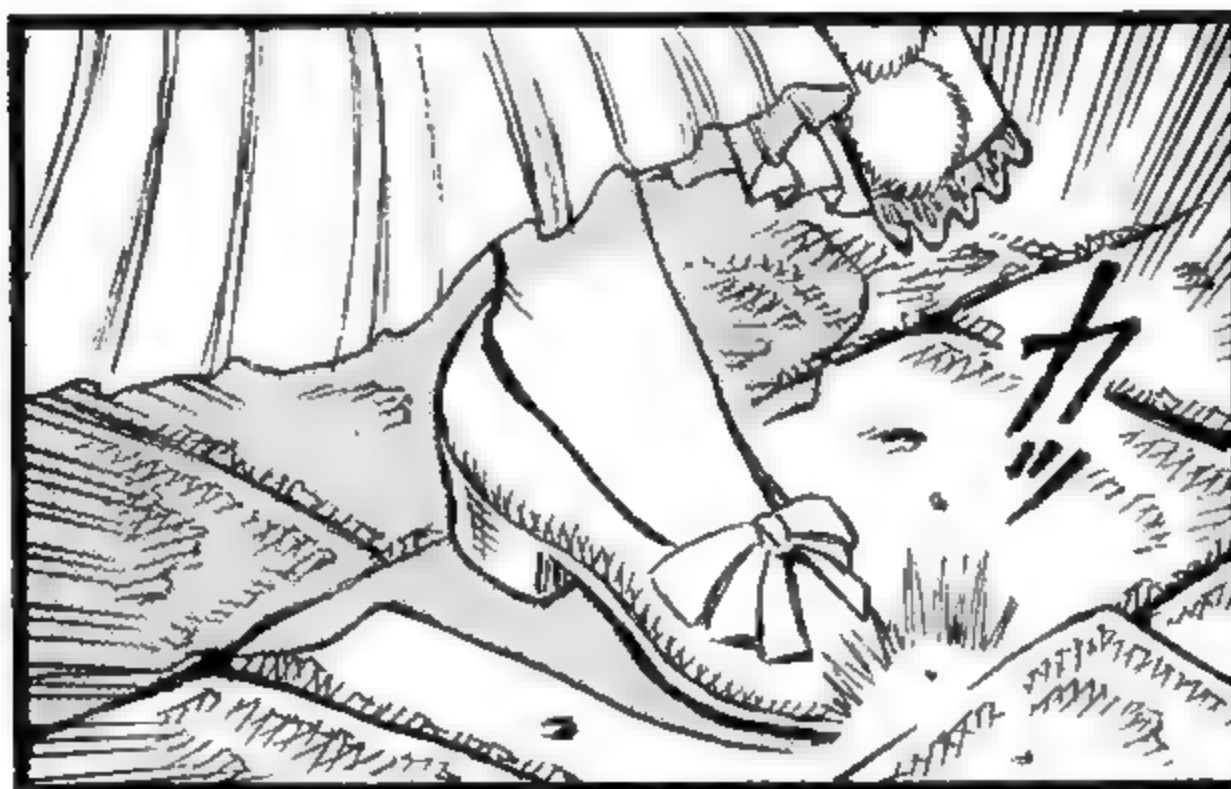
CHAR-
LOTTE.



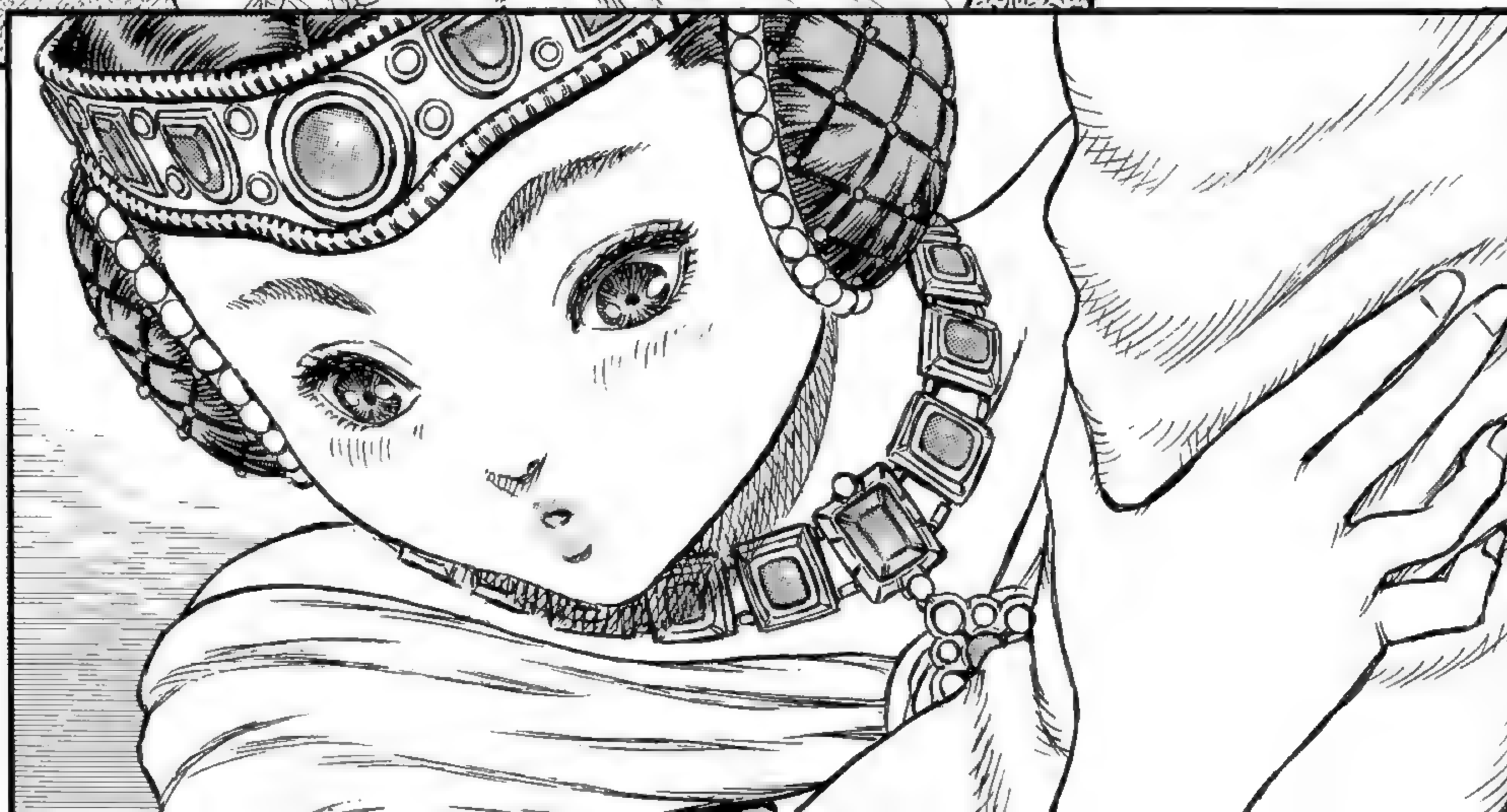
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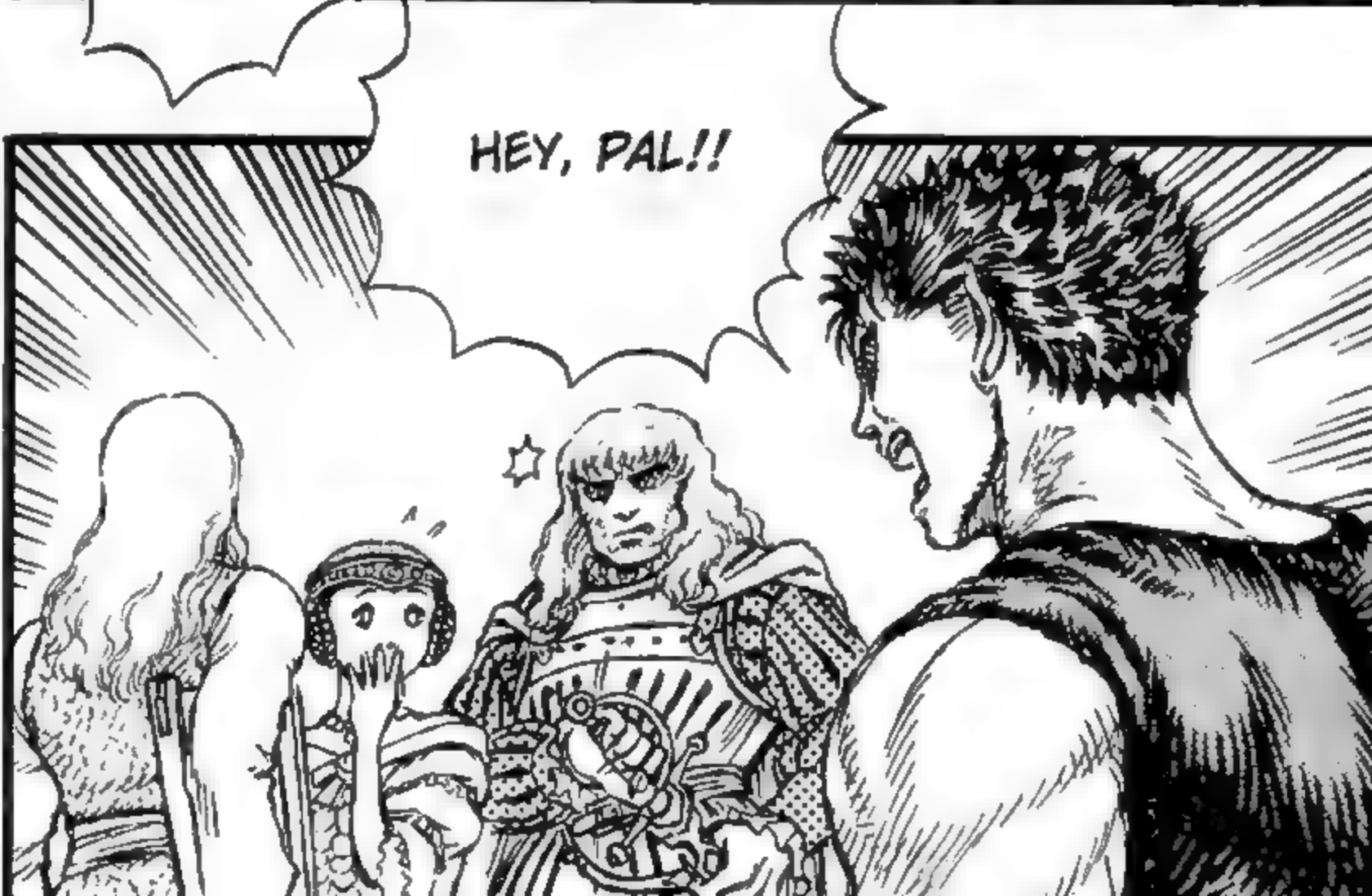
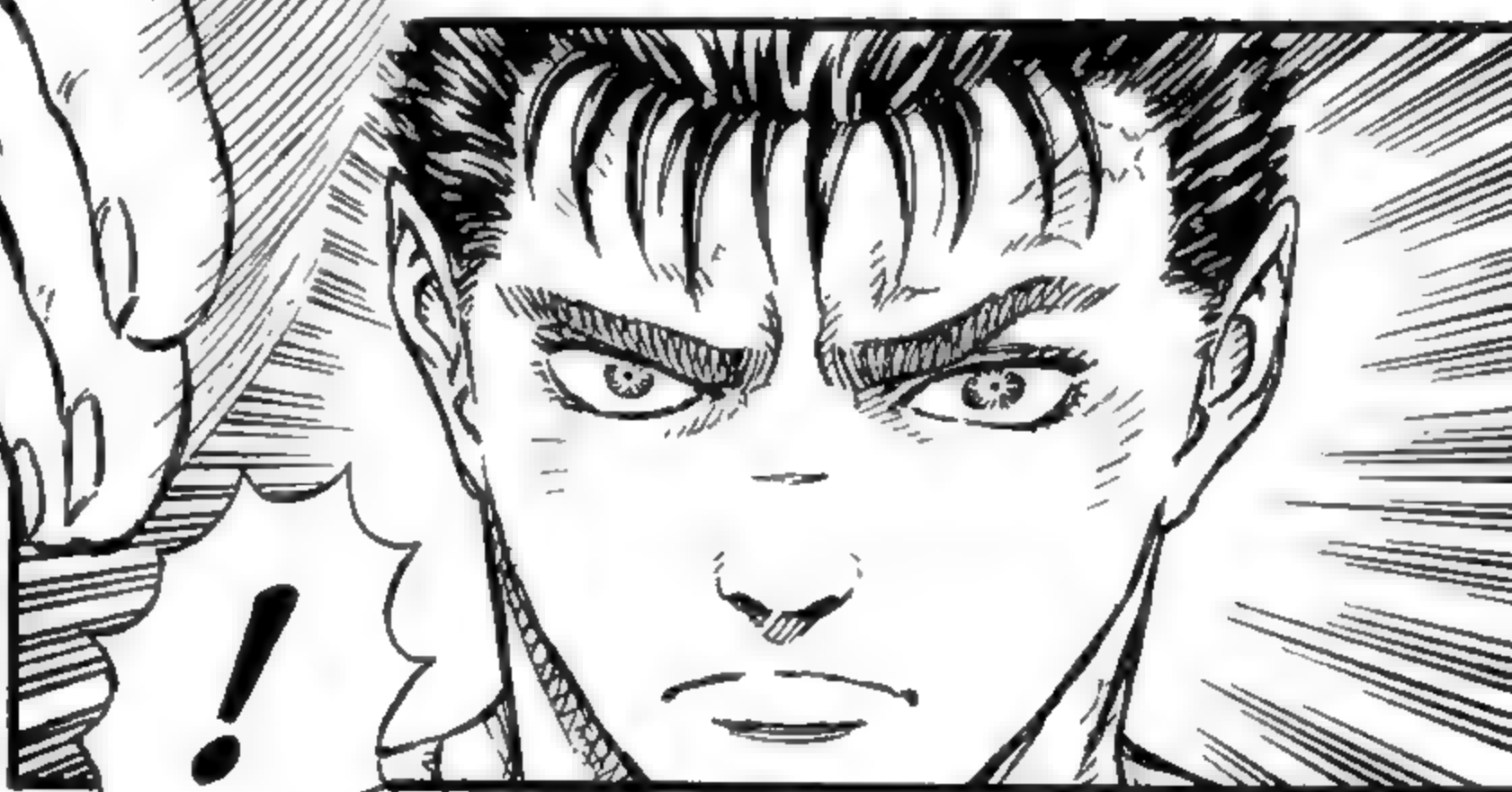
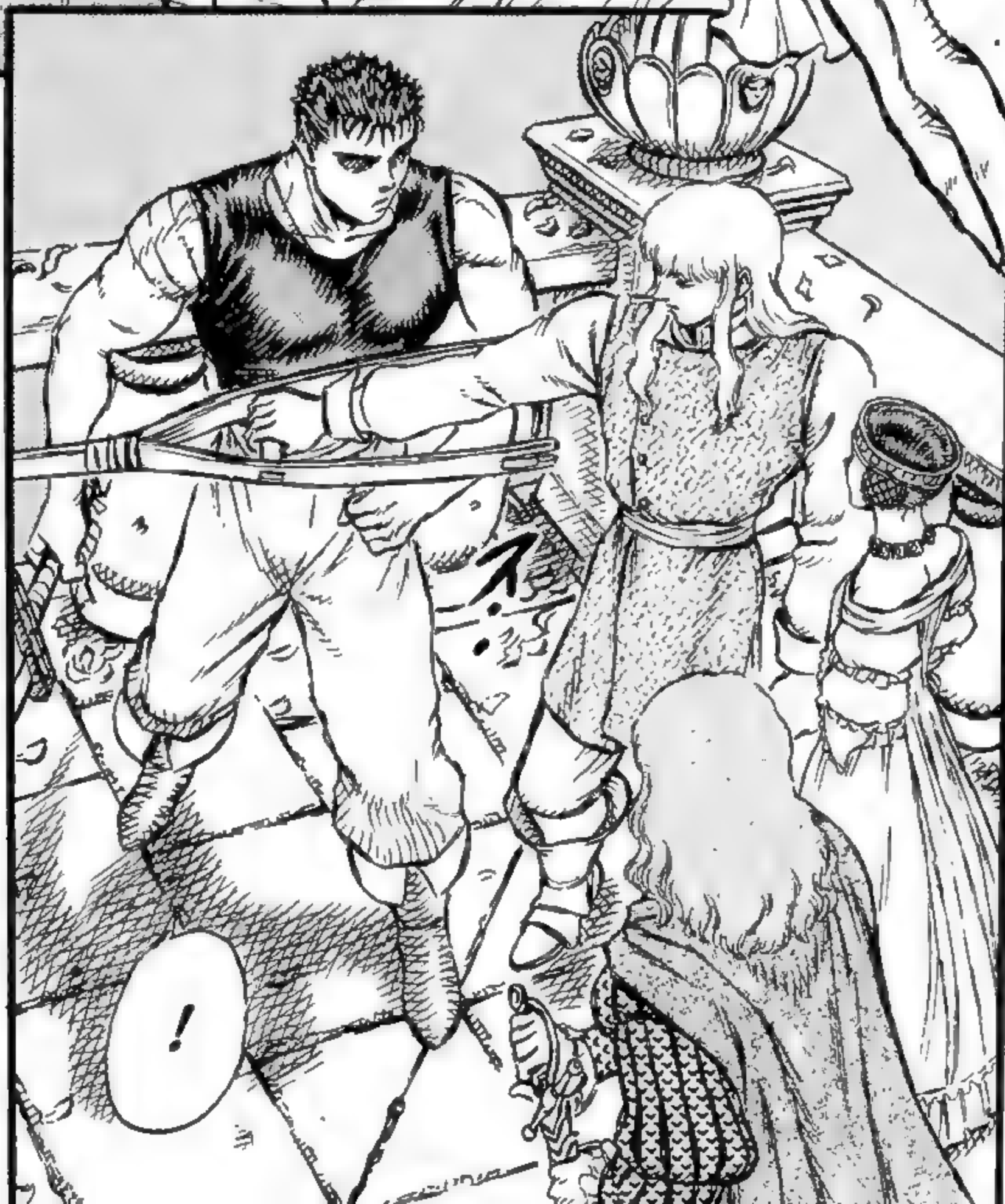
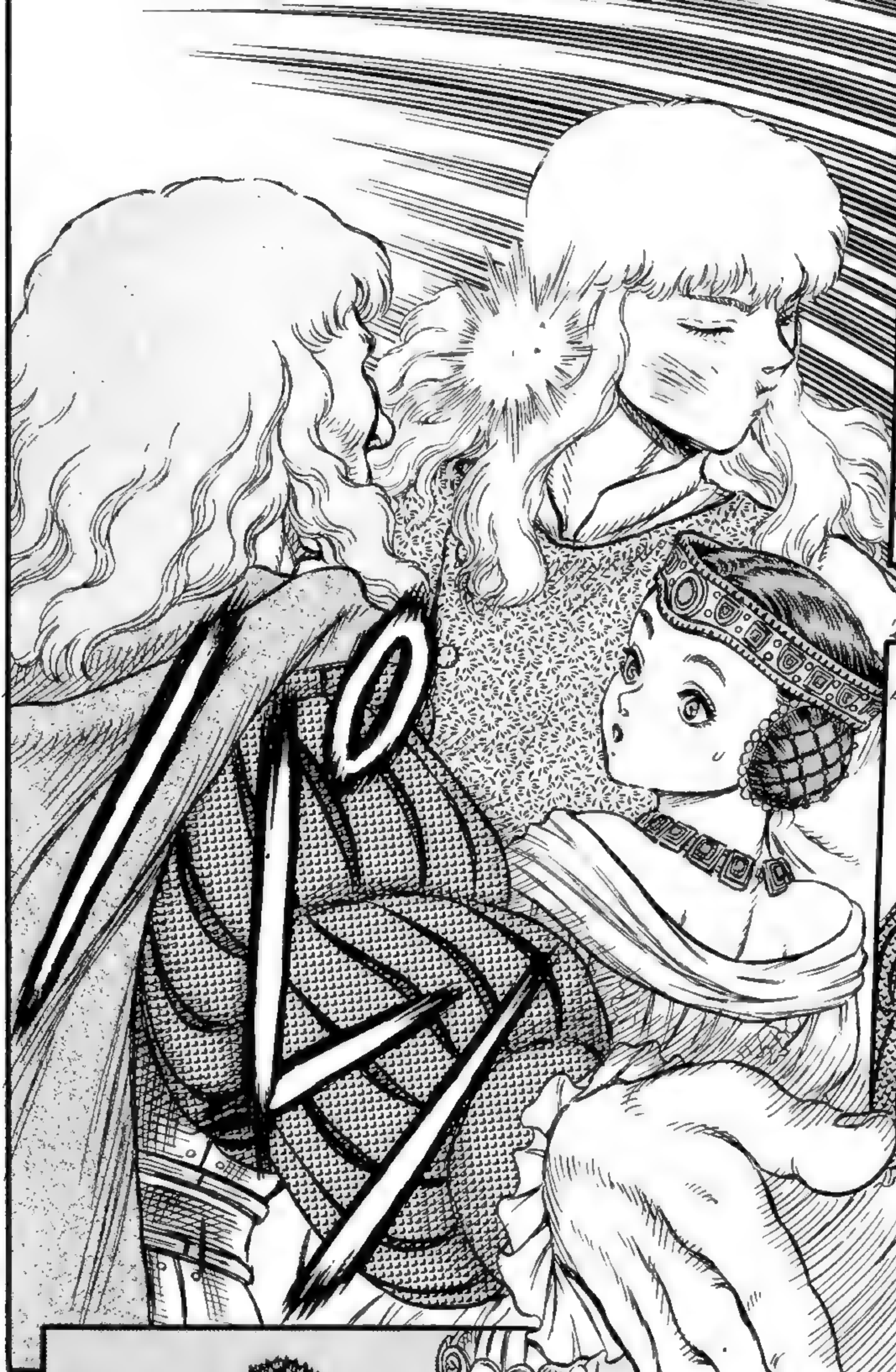


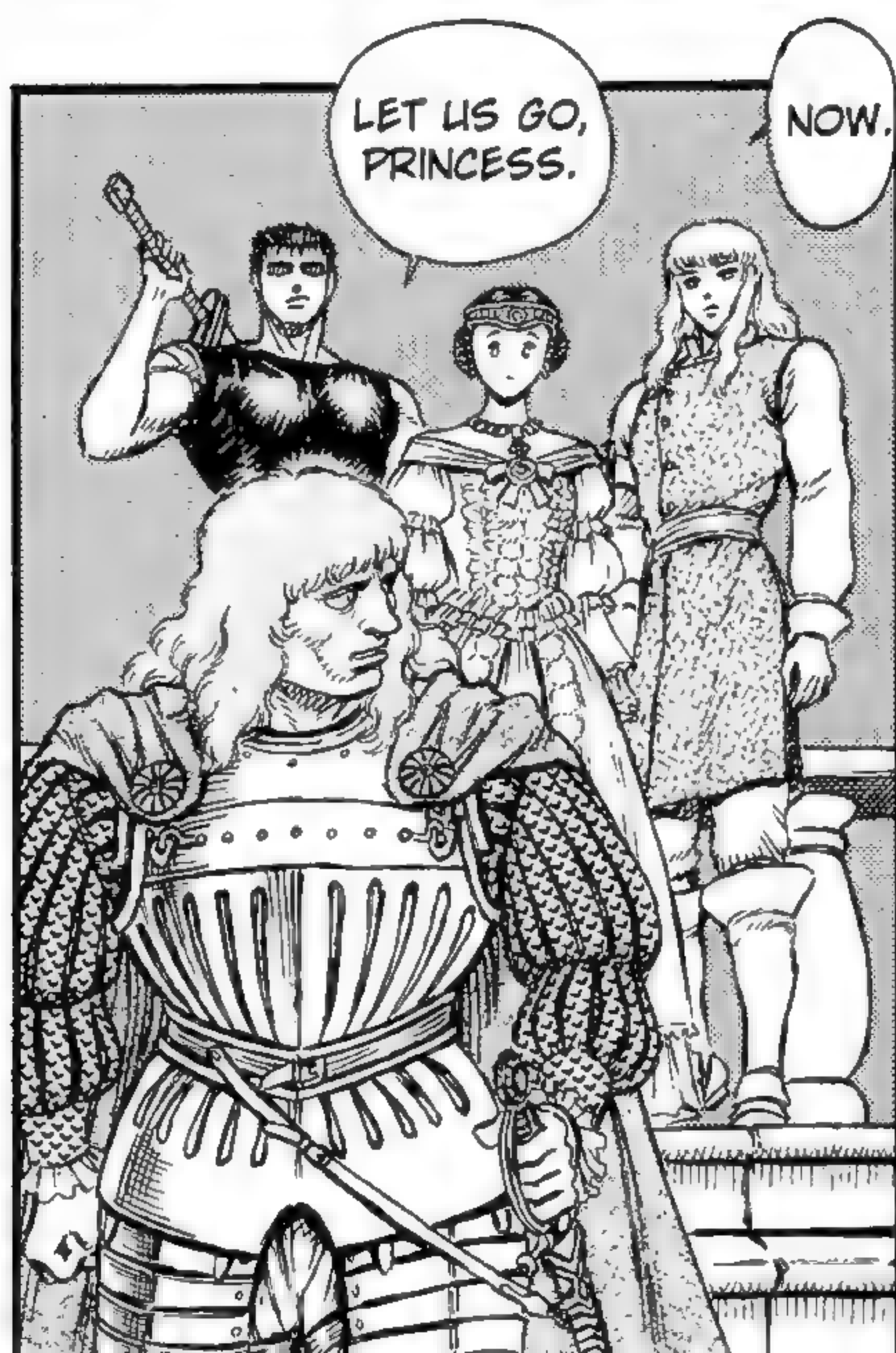
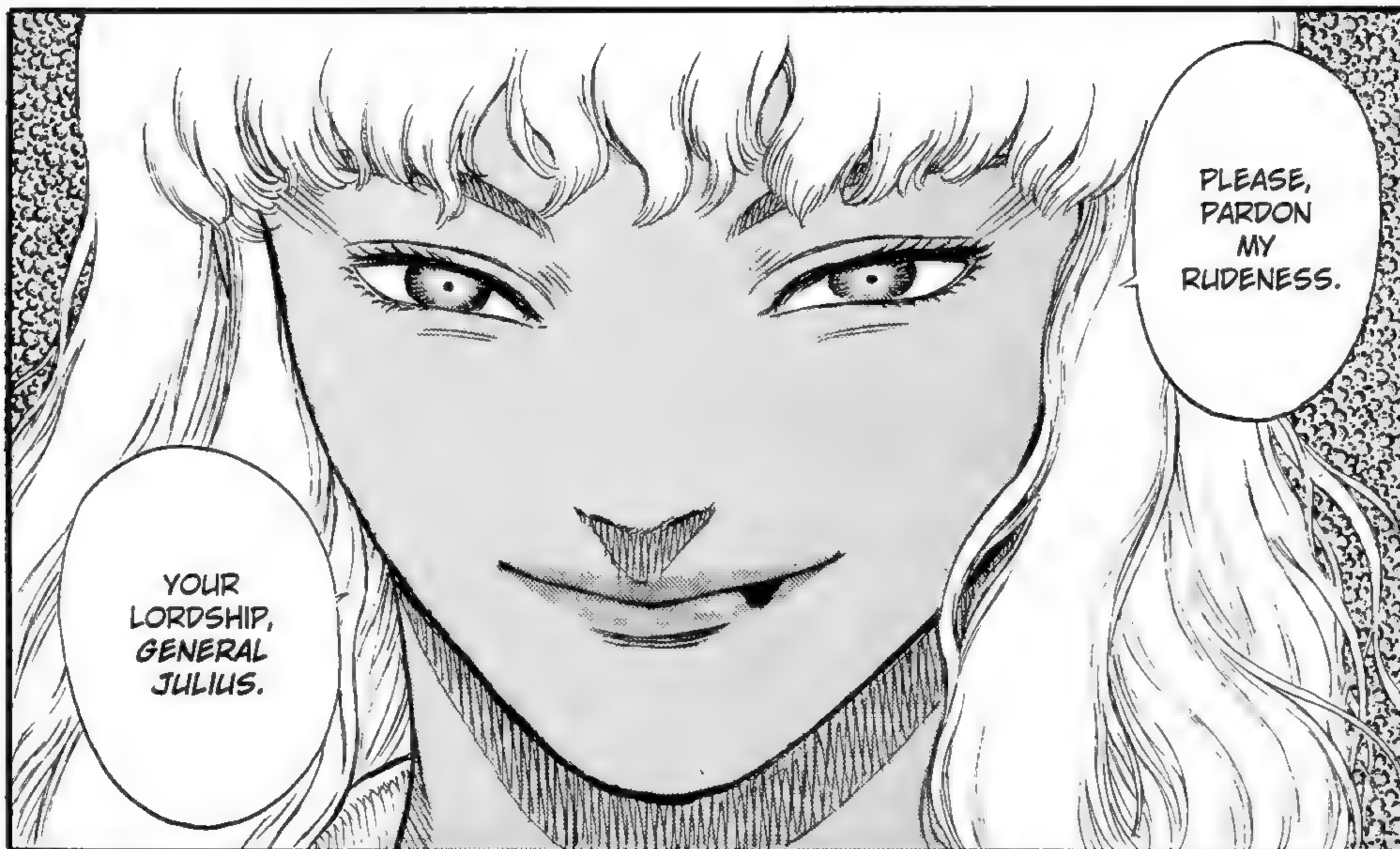
COME,
LET US
GO,
CHARLOTTE.

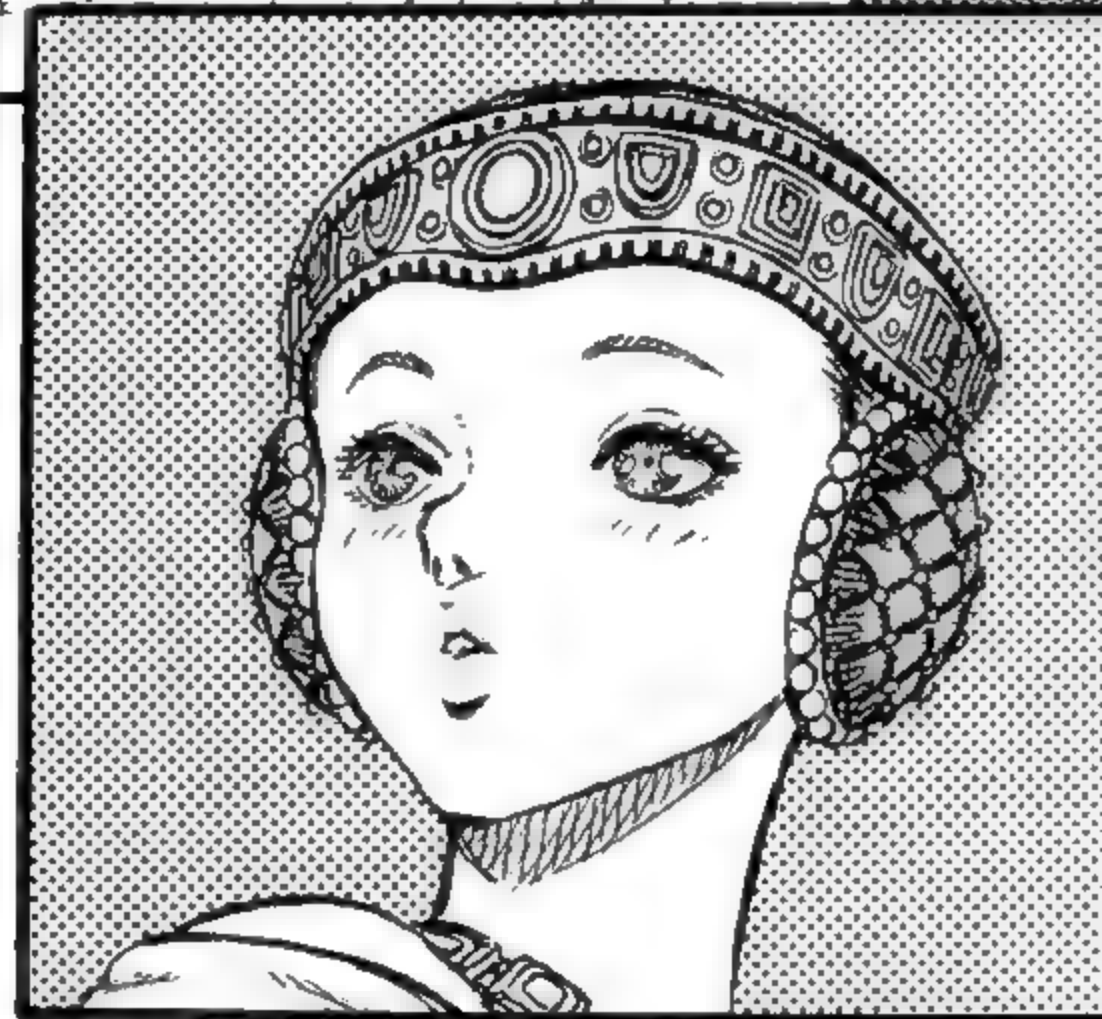


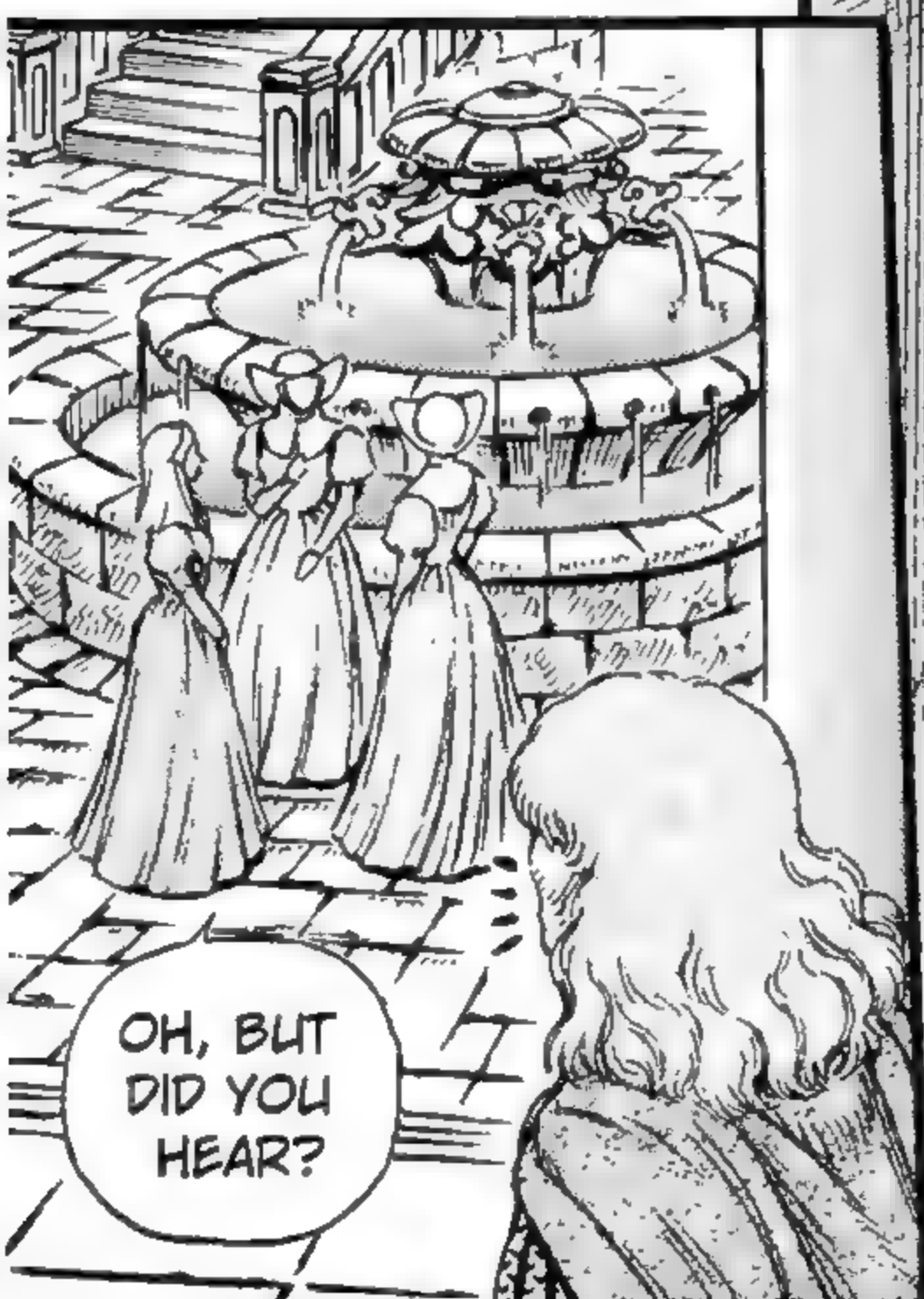
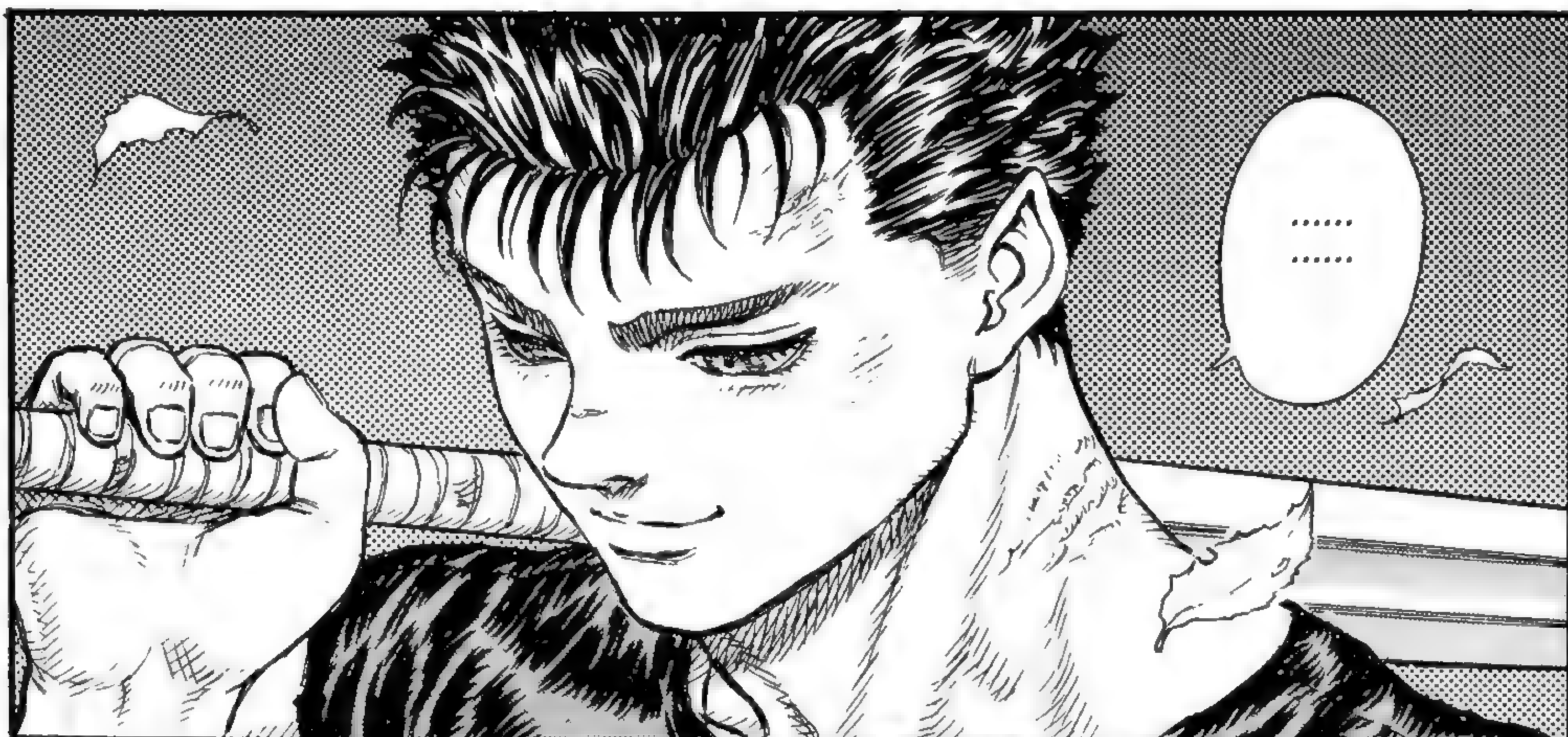
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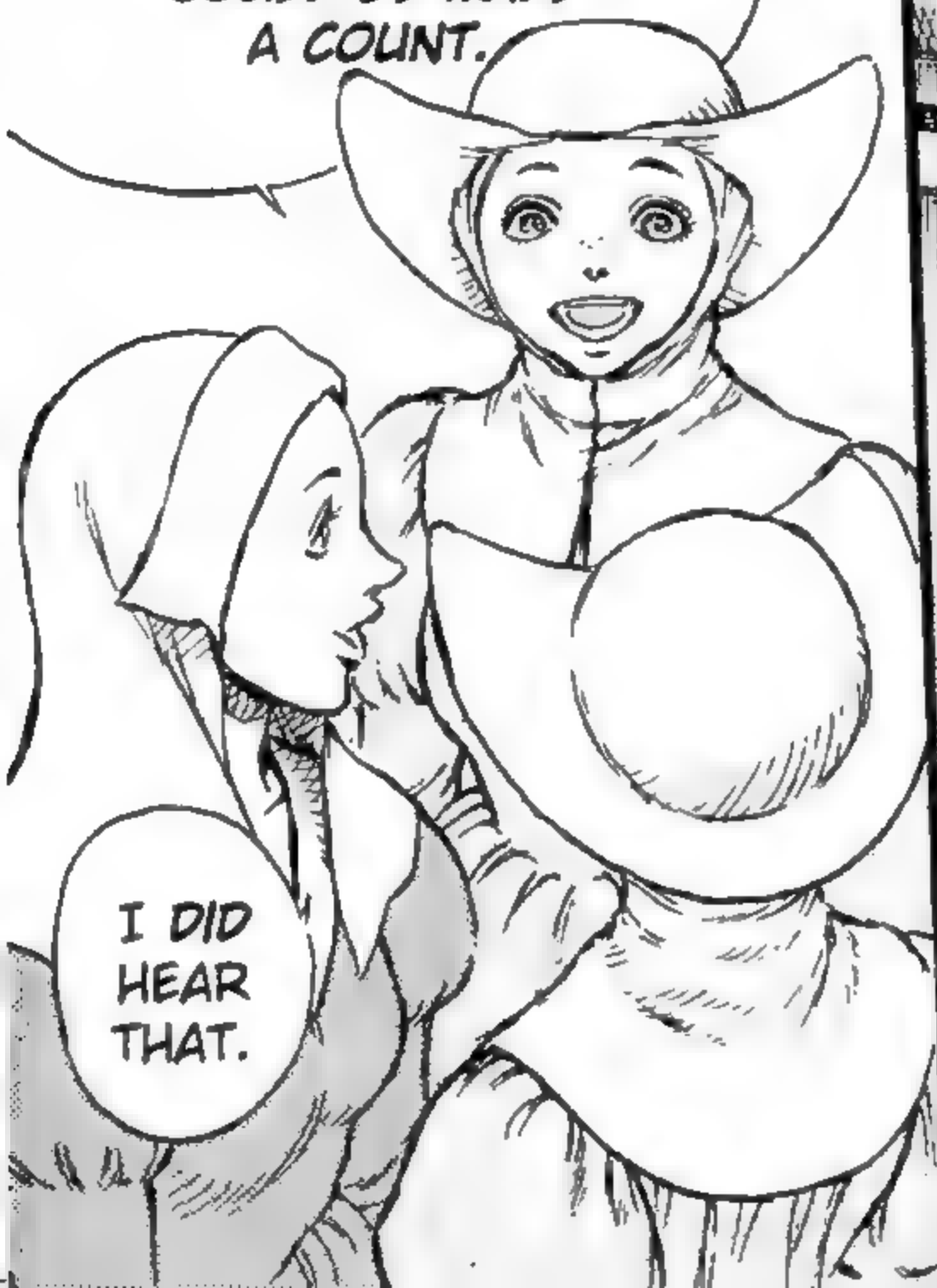






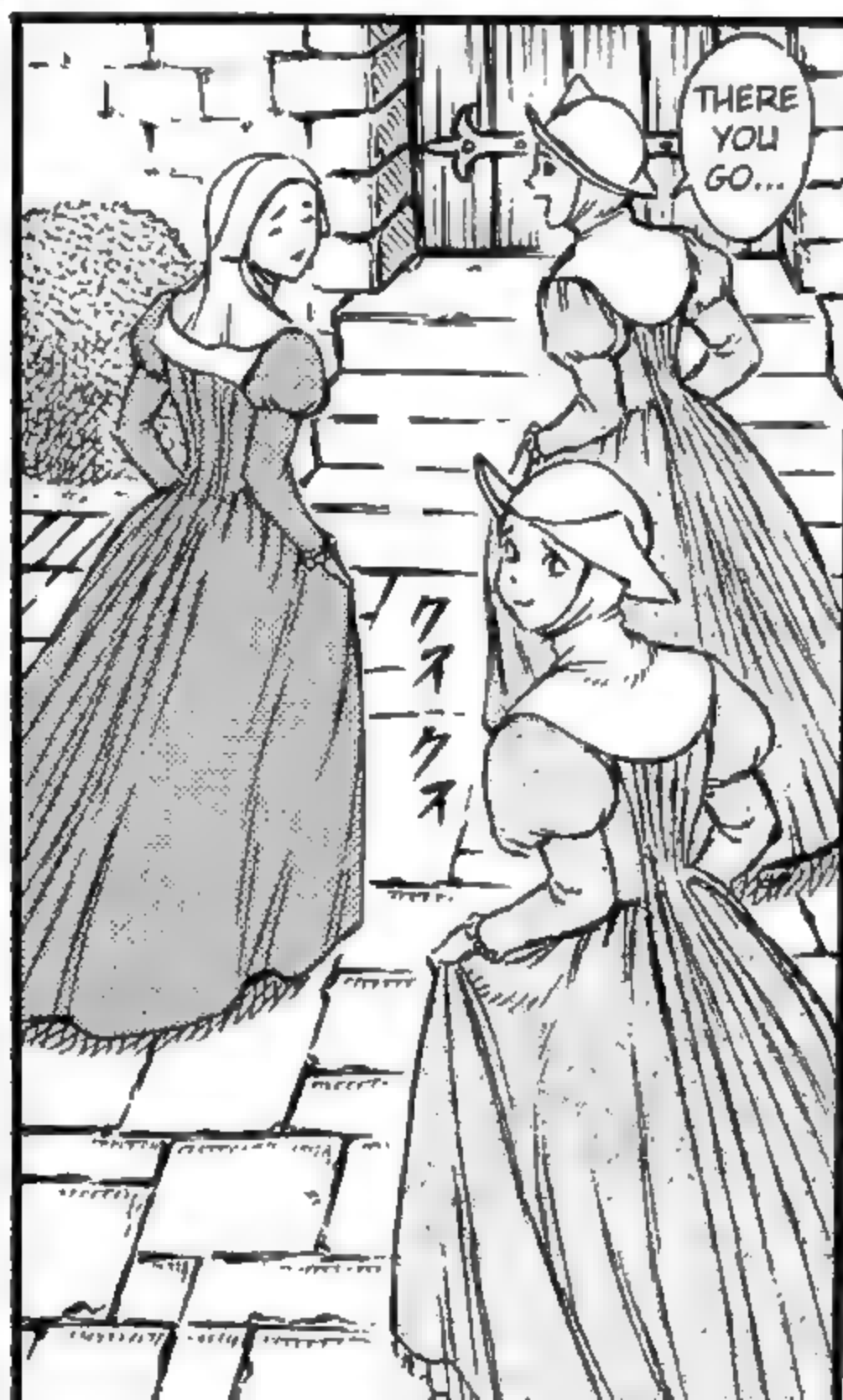
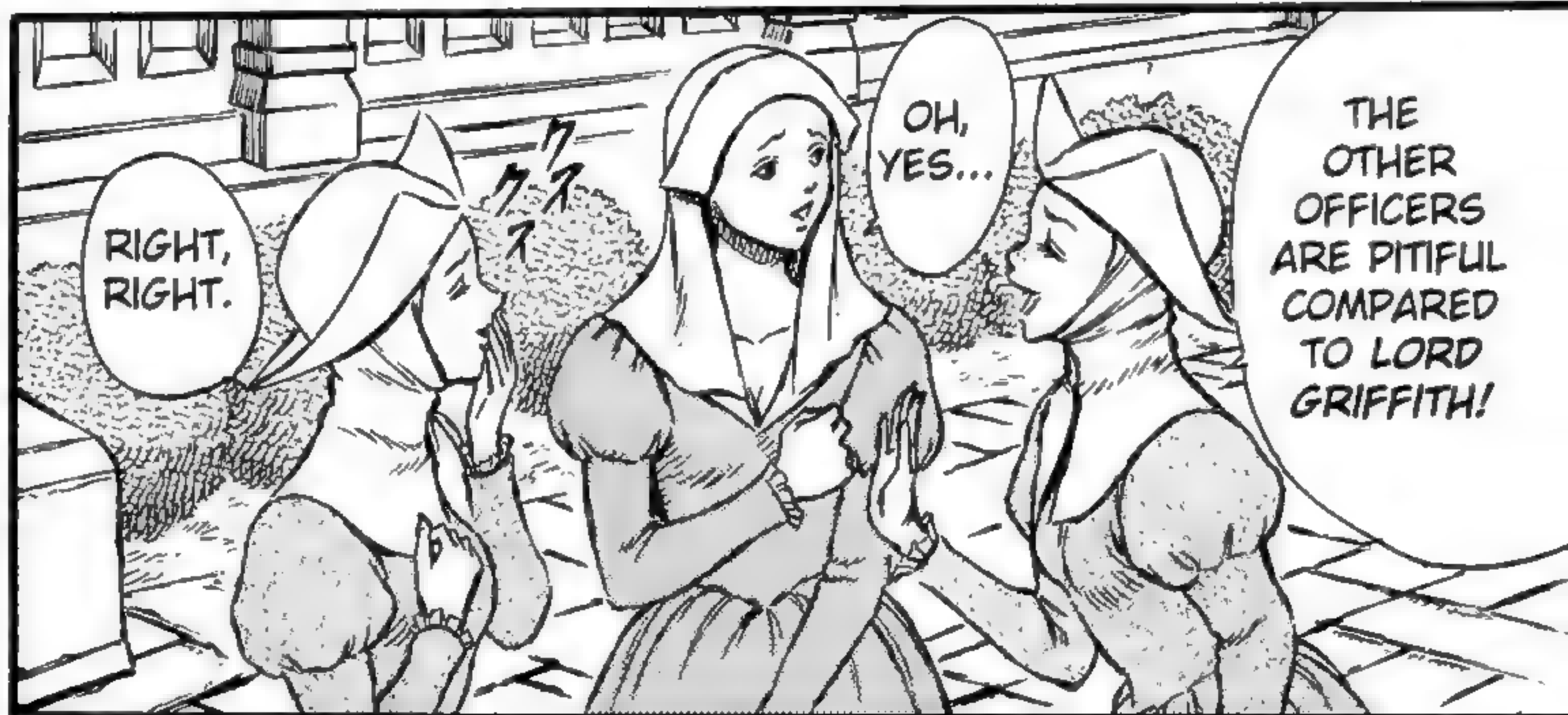
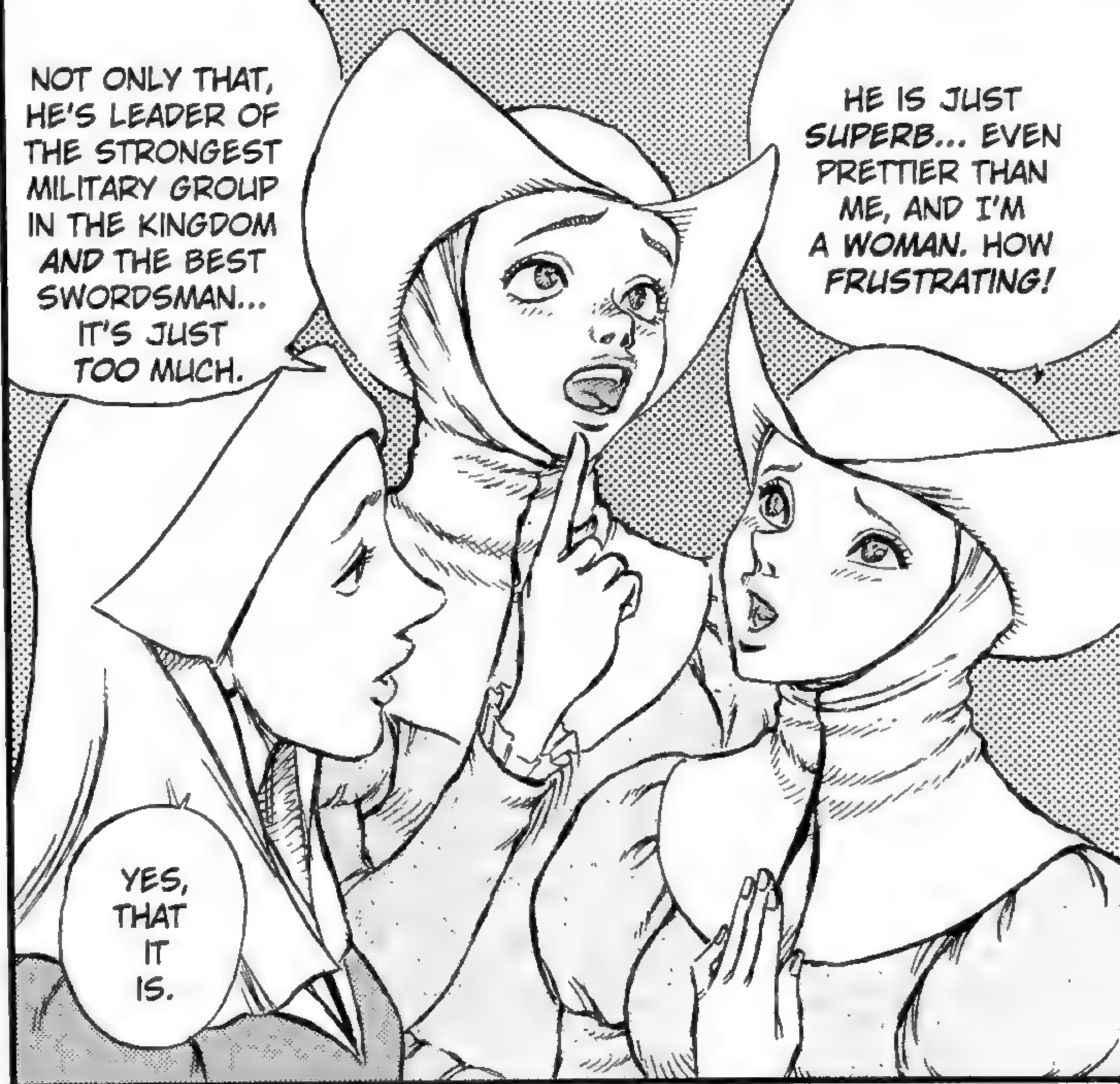
OH, BUT
DID YOU
HEAR?

THEY SAY THAT THANKS
TO HIS MERITS IN HIS LAST
BATTLE, LORD GRIFFITH
COULD BE MADE
A COUNT.



I DID
HEAR
THAT.





...LORD JULIUS.

YOU SEEM MOST DISTURBED...

!

SUCH A LOUD SHOUT WILL RESOUND THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE CASTLE.

MINISTER FOSS.

IT'S CUSTOMARY THAT BE LEFT EACH YEAR TO MY WHITE DRAGON KNIGHTS... BUT WHAT?

INCIDENTALLY, GENERAL... DID YOU HEAR THE DEBATE... ABOUT THE KING'S GUARD FOR THE UPCOMING AUTUMN HUNT?

IT'S NOTHING!

DOES SOMETHING CONCERN YOU?

....
....



...THAT
THIS YEAR
IT WILL
BE THE
BAND
OF THE
HAWK.

I HEAR
IT WAS
DETERMINED
BY THE
KING'S
COMMAND...



WHAT?!

...
WHA!

GUARDING HIS
MAJESTY SHOULD
BE AN HONORABLE
DUTY PERMITTED
ONLY TO FALL
UPON THE WHITE
DRAGONS, WHO
HAVE ALWAYS
BEEN PART OF
THE REGULAR
ARMY!!

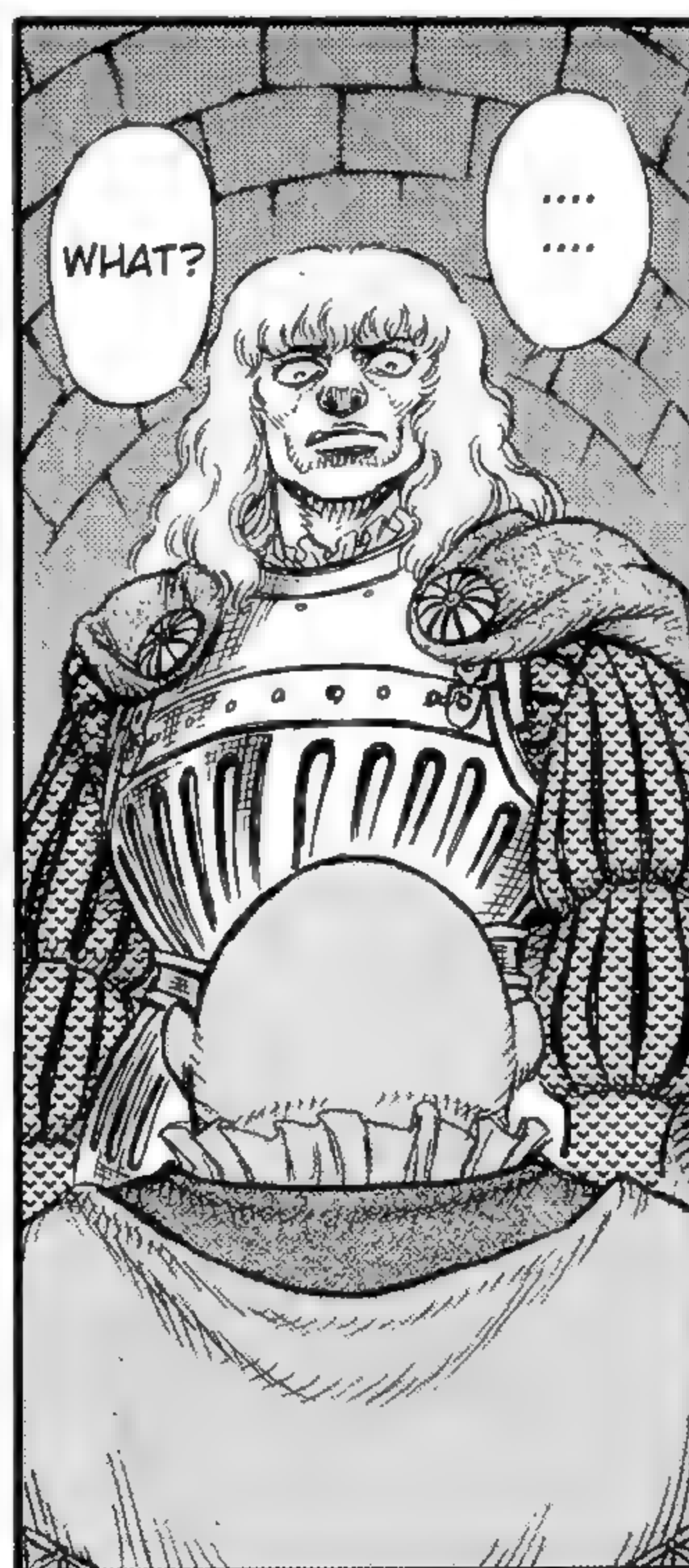
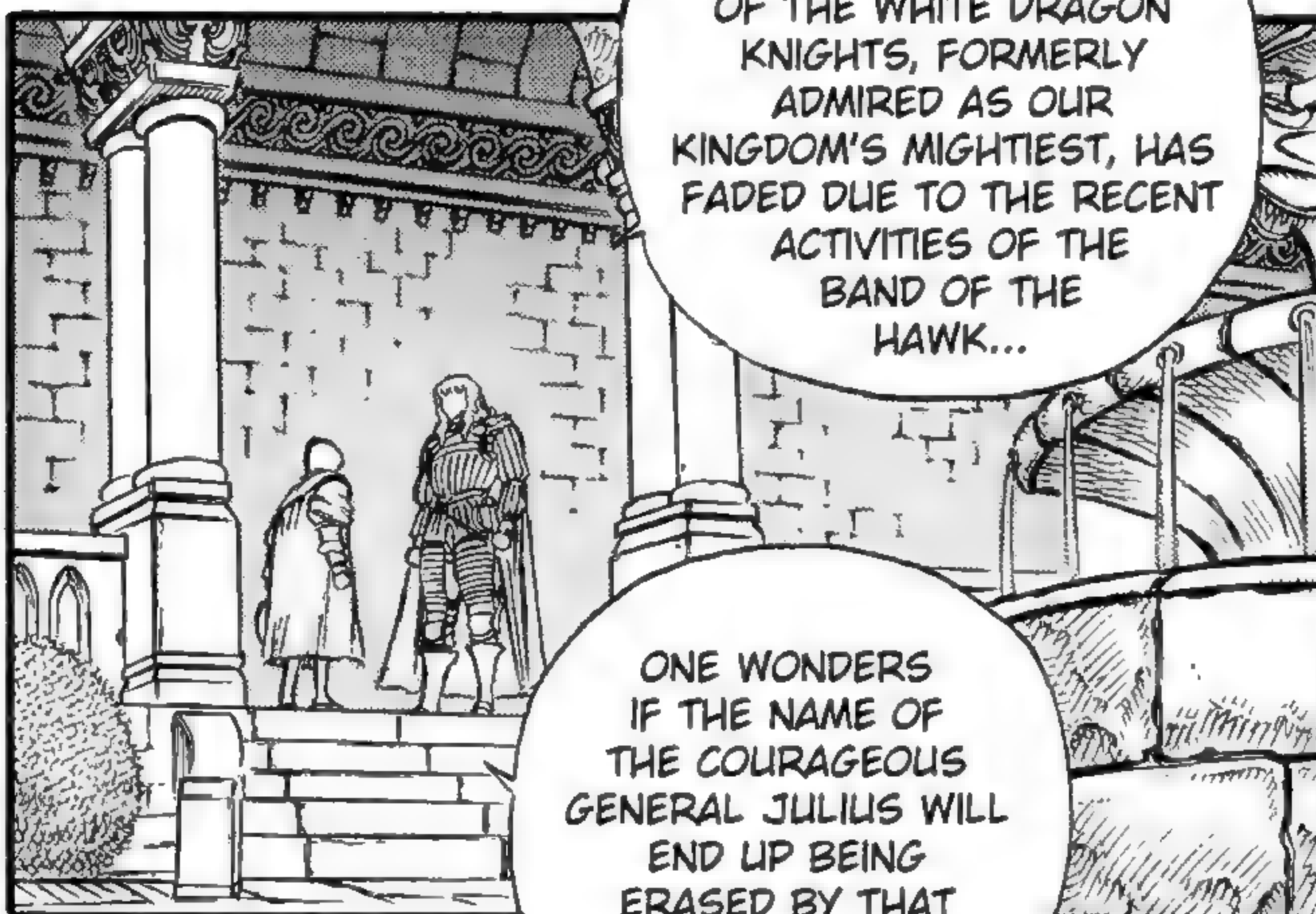
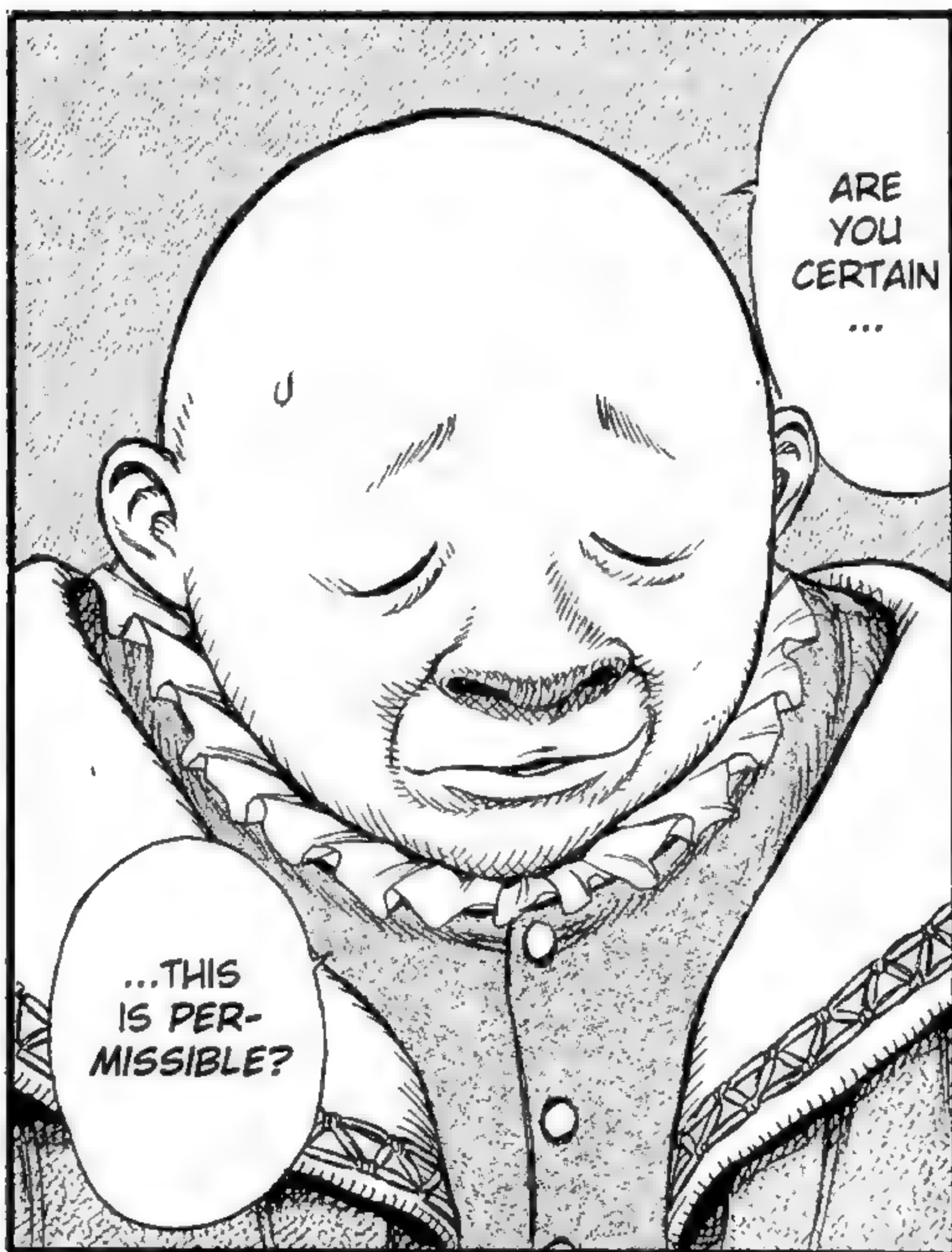


TO THINK
THAT...UNTIL
YESTERDAY
THAT BAND OF
ROBBERS...
COULD BE
PROMOTED
AND THEN...!!

THE AUTUMN HUNT IS
AN IMPORTANT EVENT
FOR THE KING TO
FOSTER GOODWILL
AMONG HIS
LORDS!!



THAT...
CAN'T
BE!!



...ONE CANNOT
SCORN...HIS
ABILITY ON THE
BATTLEFIELD.

HOW-
EVER
...

A
RUMOR
TOLD BY
MANY.

IT
IS A
RUMOR.

.....!!

THAT THE
BAND OF THE
HAWK IS EVER
VICTORIOUS
IS AN
INDISPUTABLE
FACT.

HE IS
SURELY A
GODSEND IN
OUR TIME OF
CONFLICT.

FURTHERMORE,
THE WAY HE
HAS INGRATIATED
HIMSELF...HIS
MAJESTY SEEMS
TO HAVE PLACED
A TERRIBLY HIGH
VALUE ON
THE BOY...

THE FIGHTING SHOWS
NO SIGN OF ENDING
SOON. IN SUCH CASE
HE WILL CONTINUE
TO DISTINGUISH
HIMSELF
MILITARILY.

I
WON'T
ACCEPT
IT....!!!

RIDICULOUS
....!!

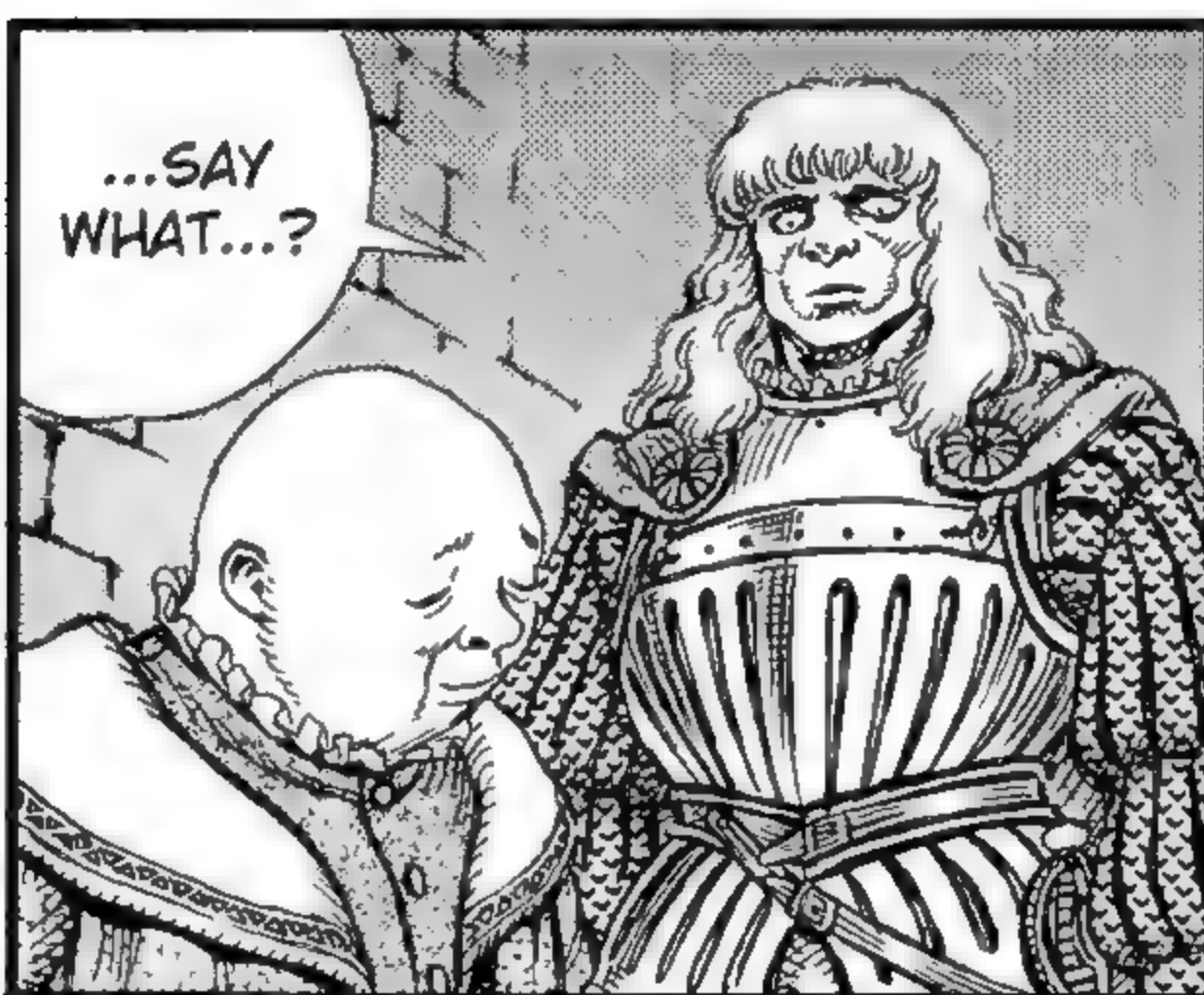
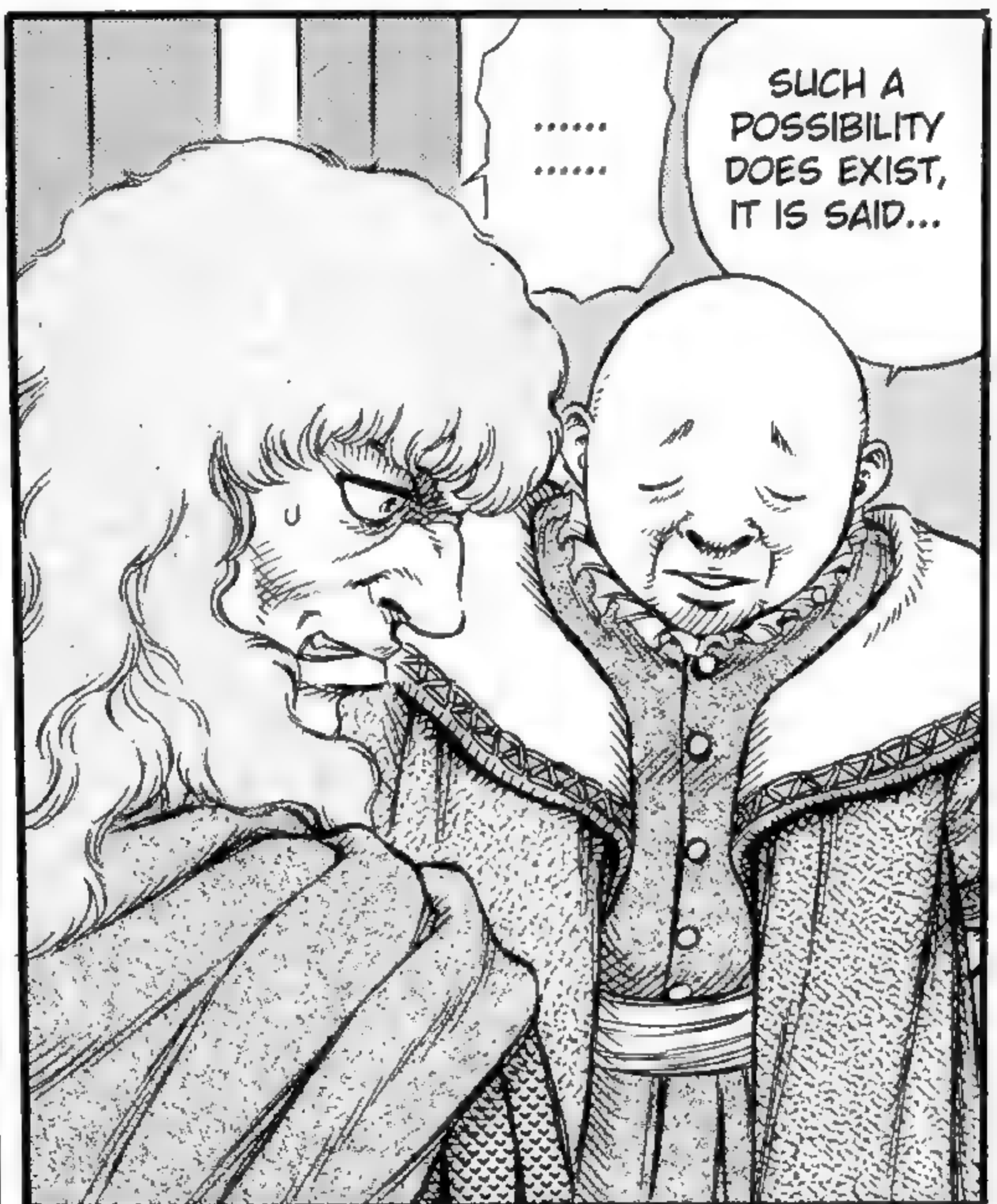
IF WE
AREN'T
CARE-
FUL...

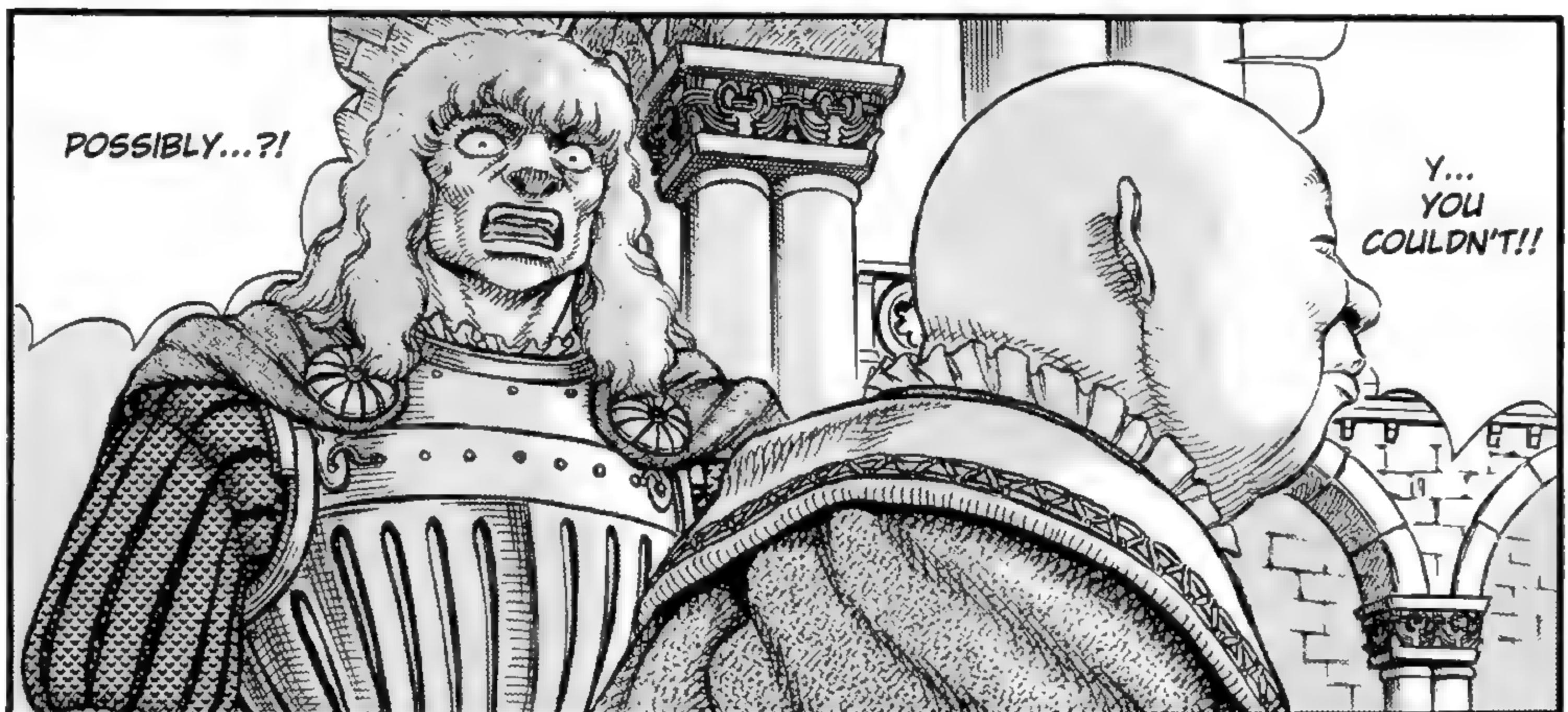
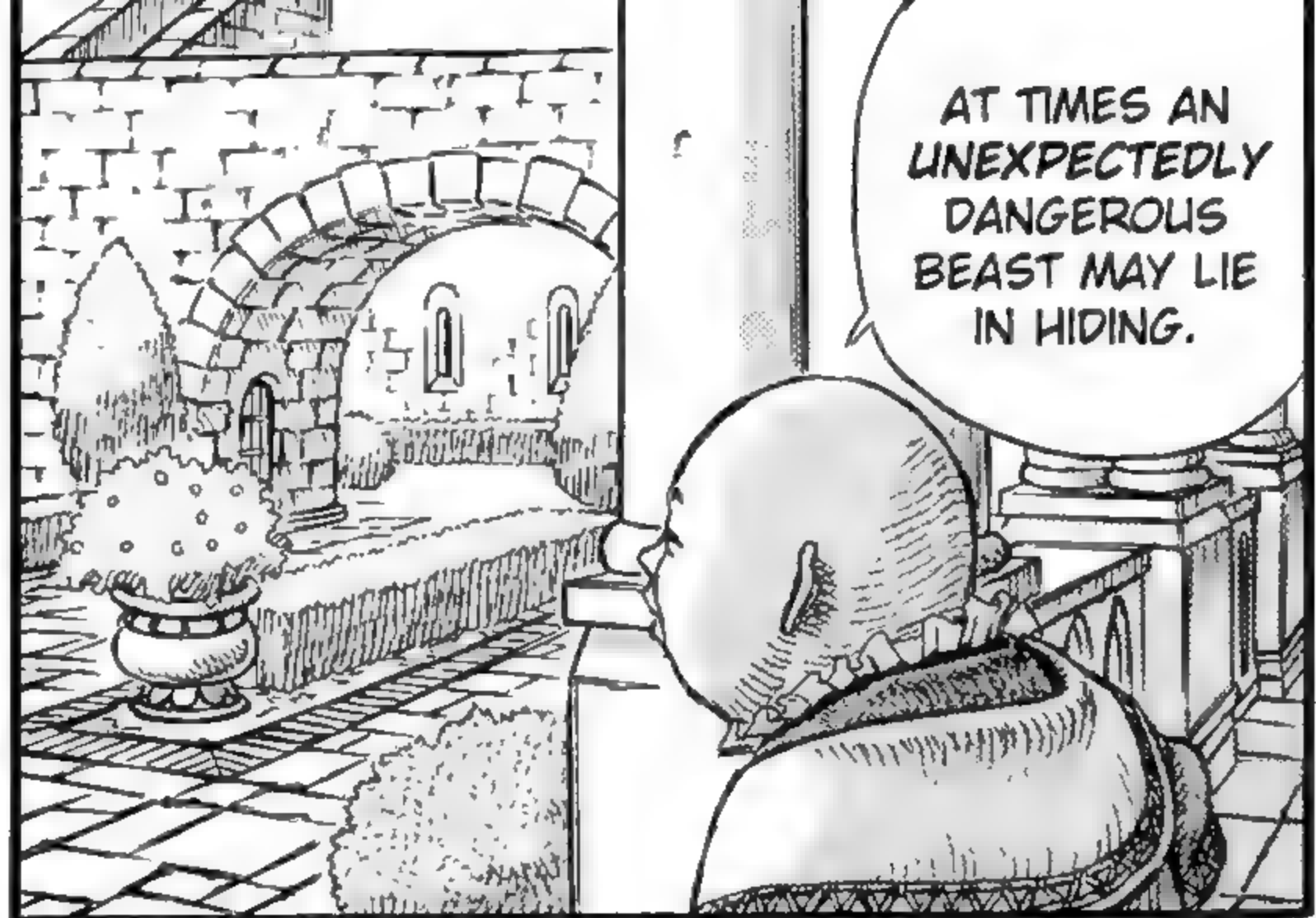
...GRIFFITH
MIGHT EVEN
REACH THE
LEVEL OF
GENERAL.

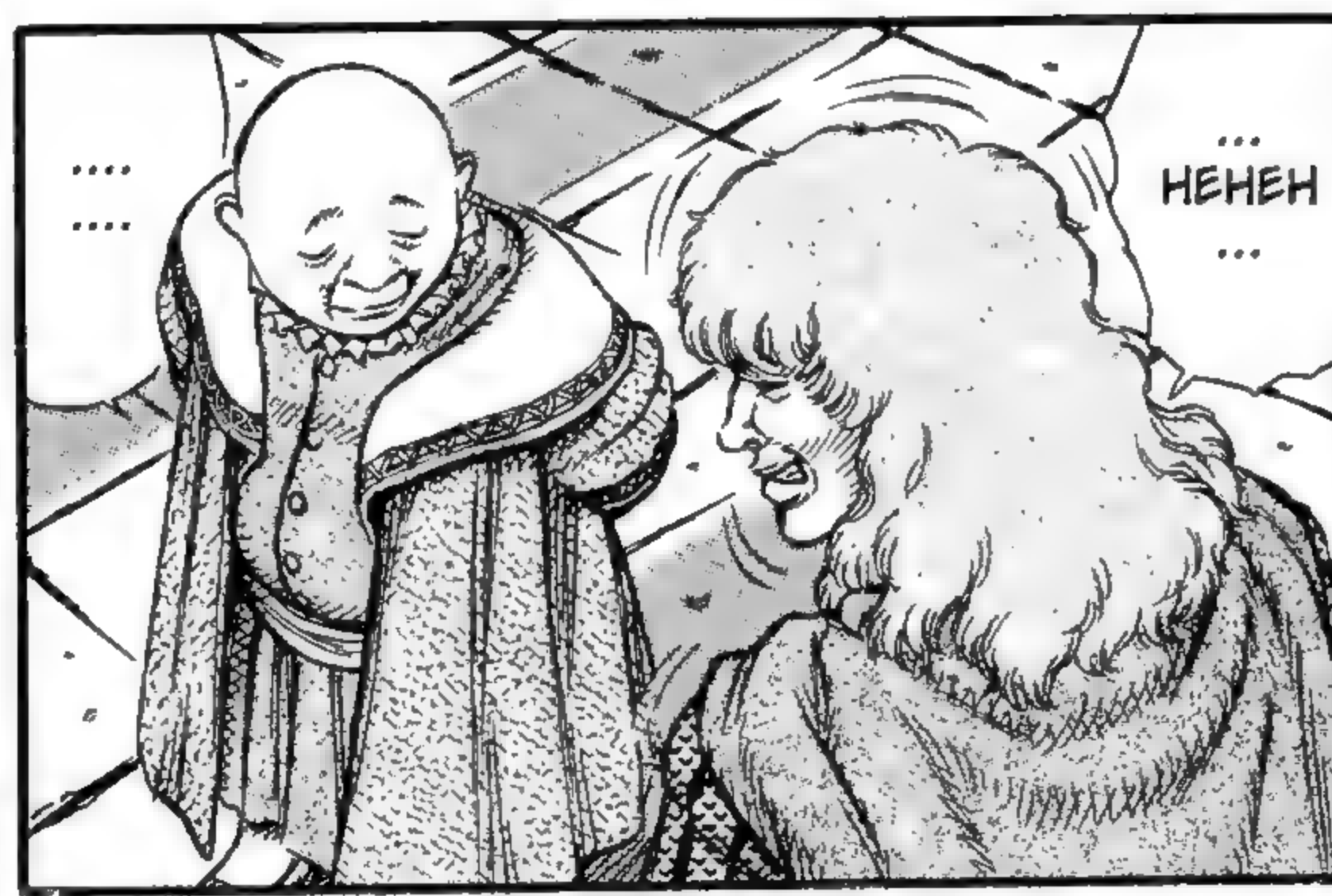
THAT BOY,
A GENERAL
LIKE ME...?!

YOU MEAN
THAT HUMBLE
COMMONER
WILL SPEAK
TO ME ON
THE SAME
LEVEL?!

I'VE
NEVER
EVEN
HEARD
OF A
COMMON-
BORN
GENERAL!!









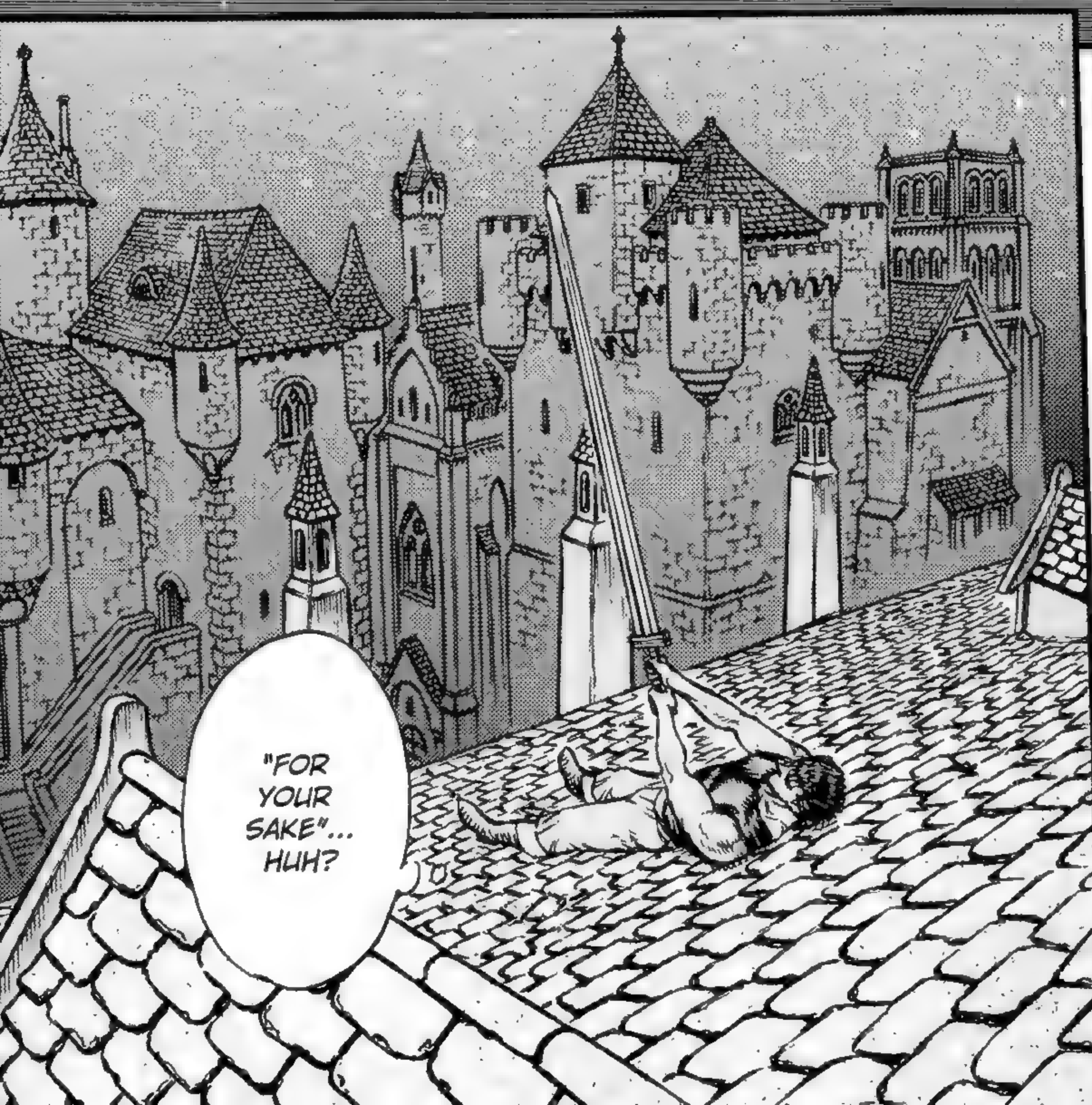




...I PUT
MYSELF IN
HARM'S WAY
FOR YOUR
SAKE?

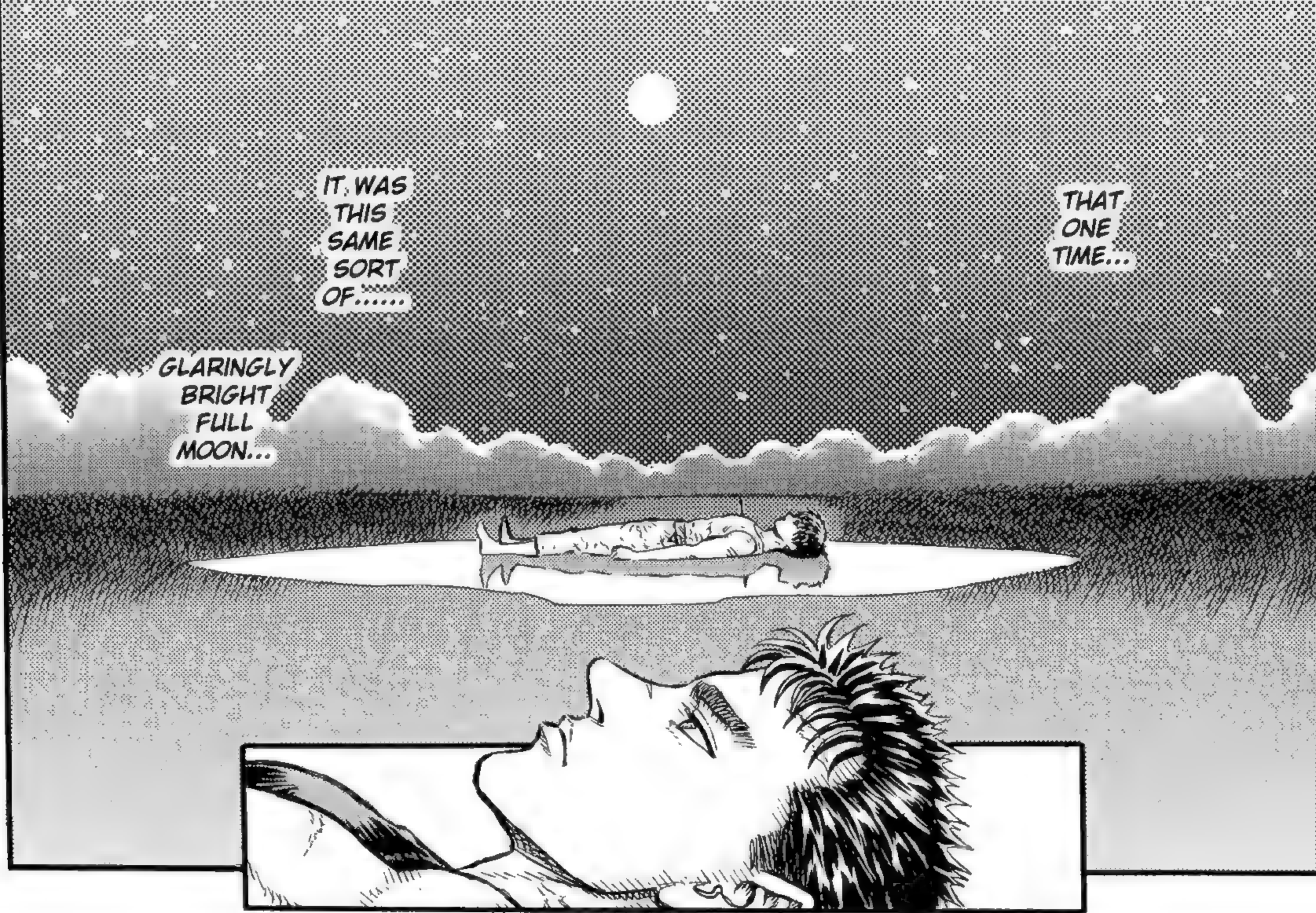


TELL ME,
DO I NEED
A REASON
EACH TIME...



"FOR
YOUR
SAKE"...
HUH?





IT WAS
THIS
SAME
SORT
OF.....

THAT
ONE
TIME...

GLARINGLY
BRIGHT
FULL
MOON...



I DON'T
KNOW IF
THIS IS THE
ANSWER
I WAS
SEARCHING
FOR OR
NOT...



BUT
FOR
NOW...





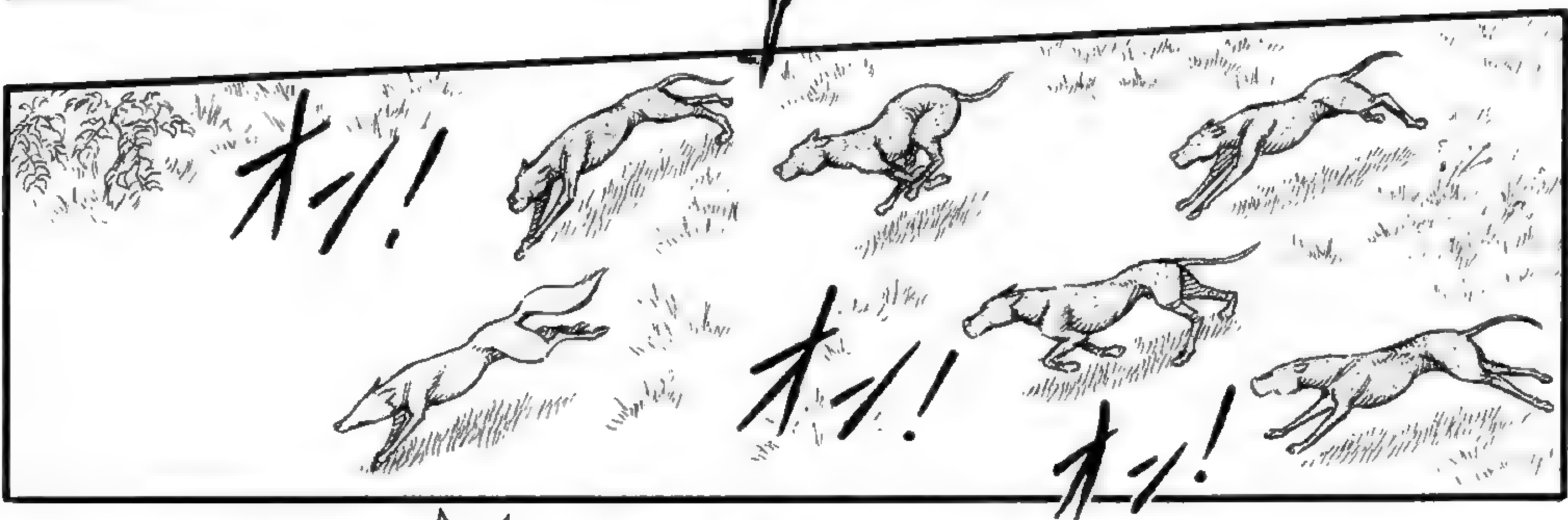
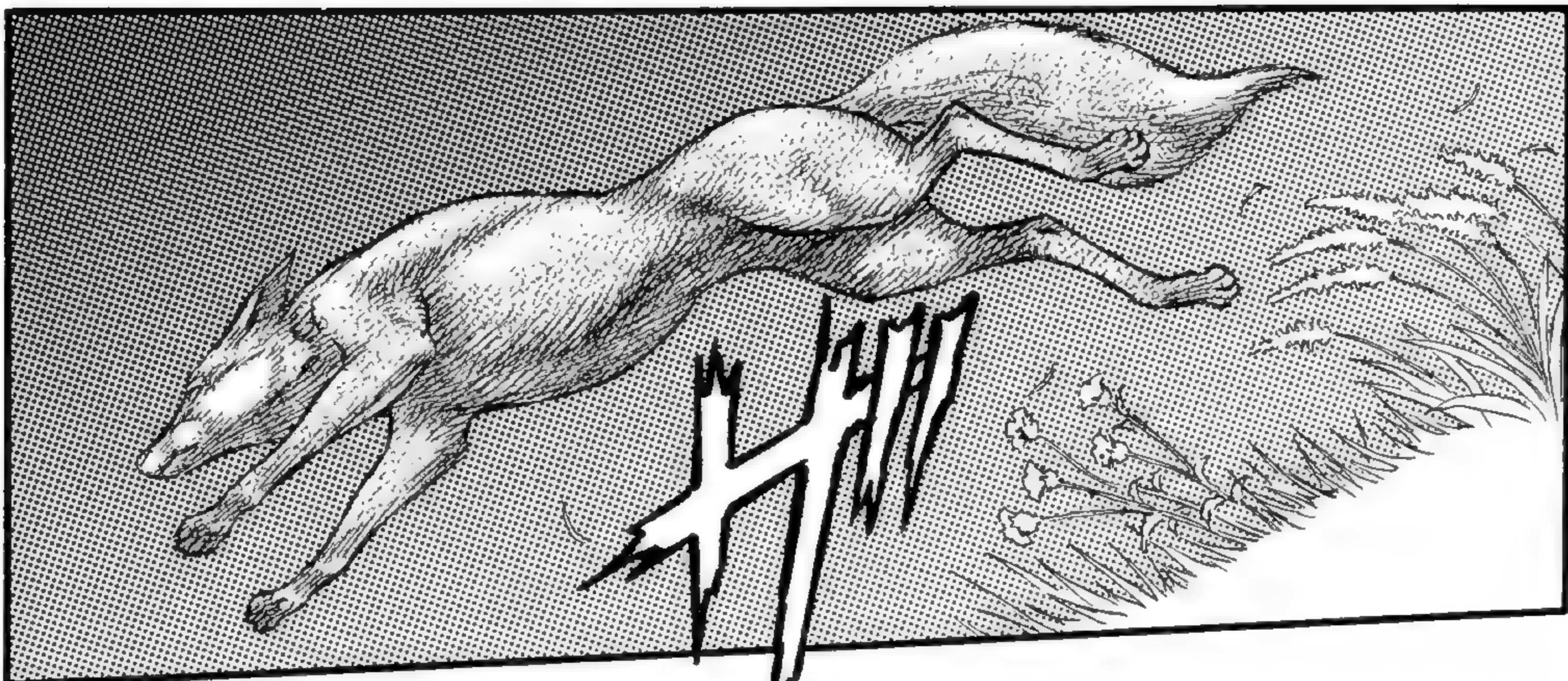
FOR
NOW
I'LL
WIELD
MY
SWORD.

FOR
HIS
SAKE.

MASTER OF THE SWORD (2): END





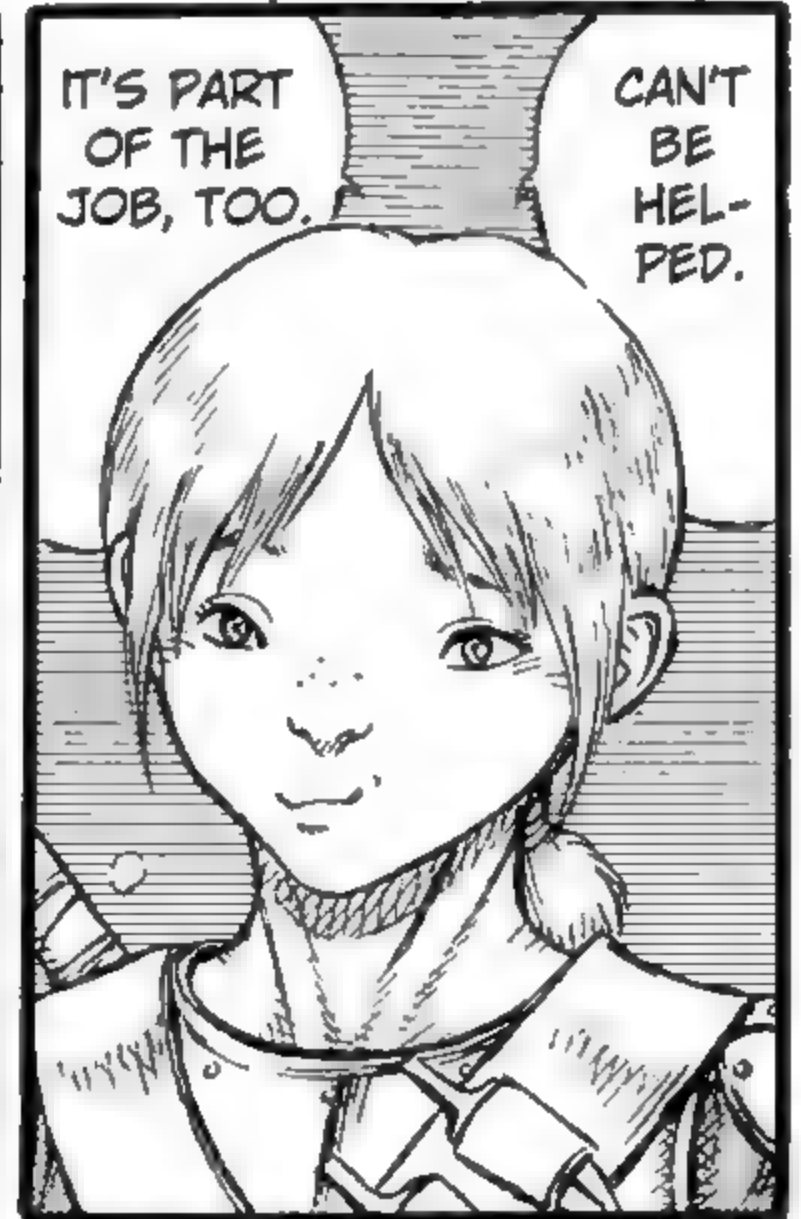
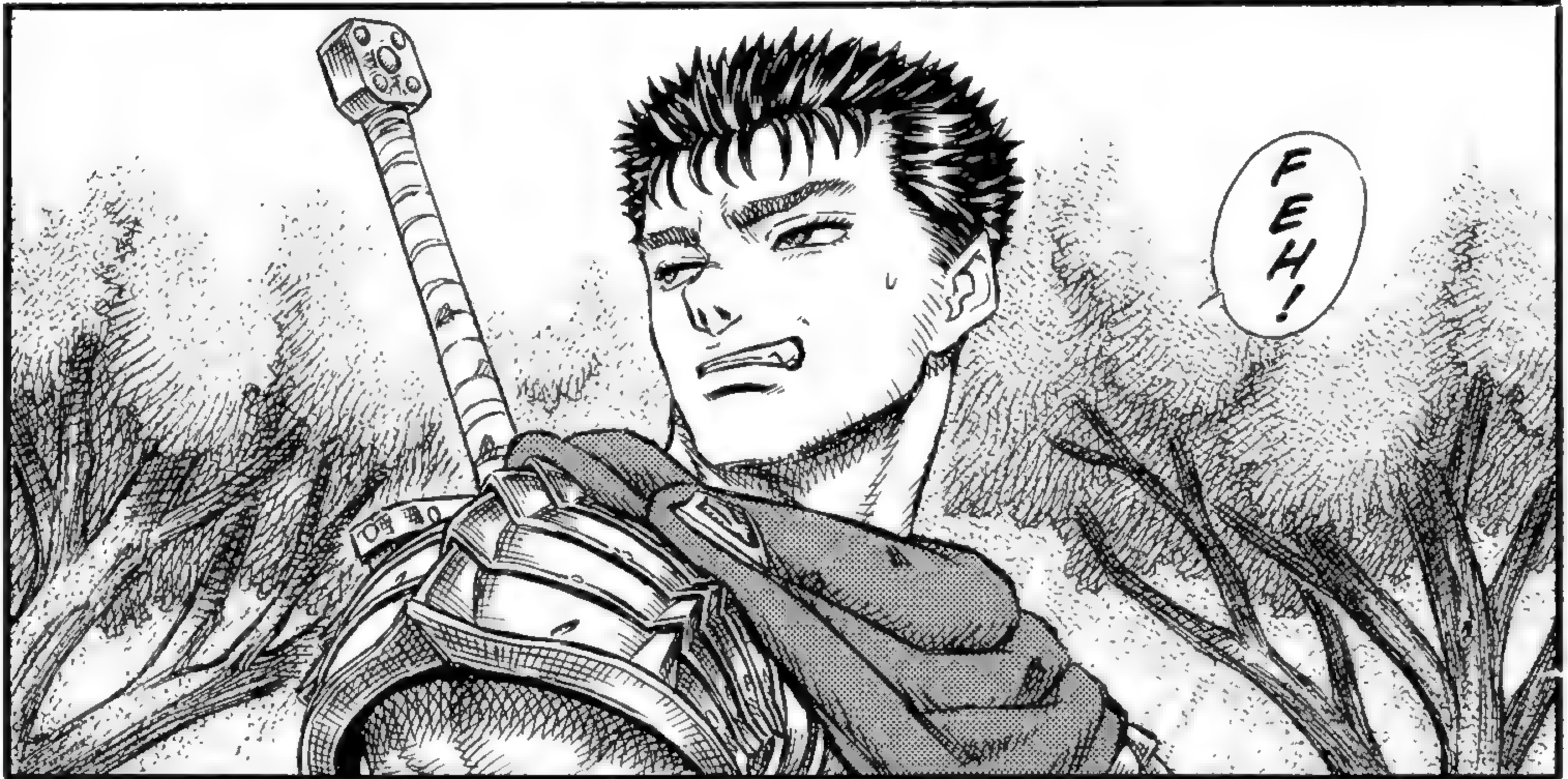














SHUT UP!!

CORKUS,
AGAIN
...?



LISTEN. WE'RE THE
GUARD FOR THE AUTUMN
HUNT. IT'S AN HONORABLE
DUTY THAT UNTIL NOW HAS
ALWAYS BEEN RESERVED
FOR THE KINGDOM'S
NATIVE-BORN WHITE
DRAGON KNIGHTS!

IT'S A
PRIVILEGE
FOR JUST A
CHOSEN FEW,
AS IT WERE!!



...FOR GOD'S
SAKE, IS THAT
ALL YOU GOT
IN THAT HEAD
A' YOURS?

H
A
H!



AND YOU...
YOU SAY IT'S
RIDICULOUS?!

WE'VE RUN
AROUND
COVERED
IN MUD ON
BATTLEFIELDS
FOR SO MANY
YEARS TO
EARN THAT
PRIVILEGE!!
WE'VE RISKED
OUR LIVES
SO MANY
TIMES!!



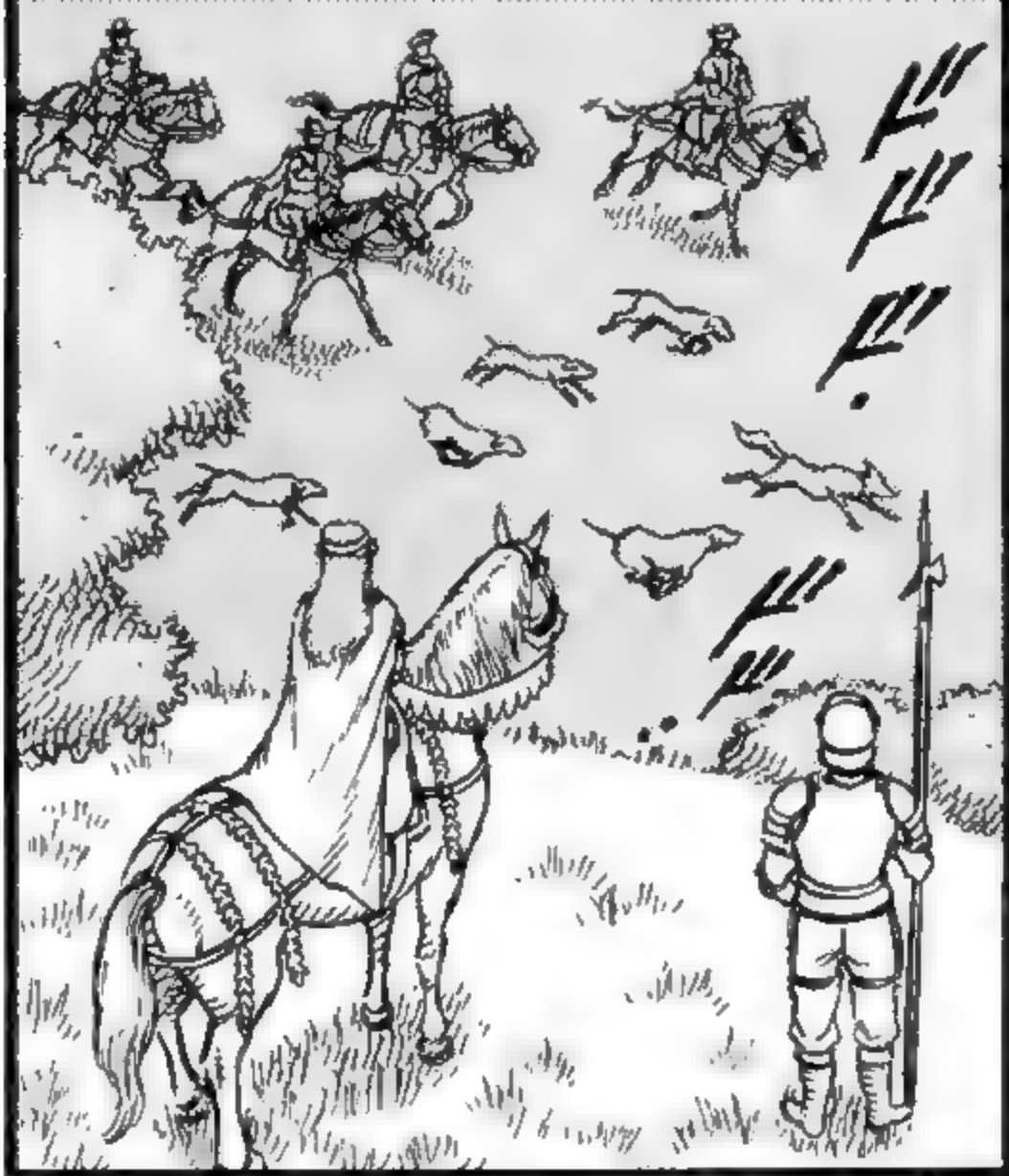
CORKUS
...

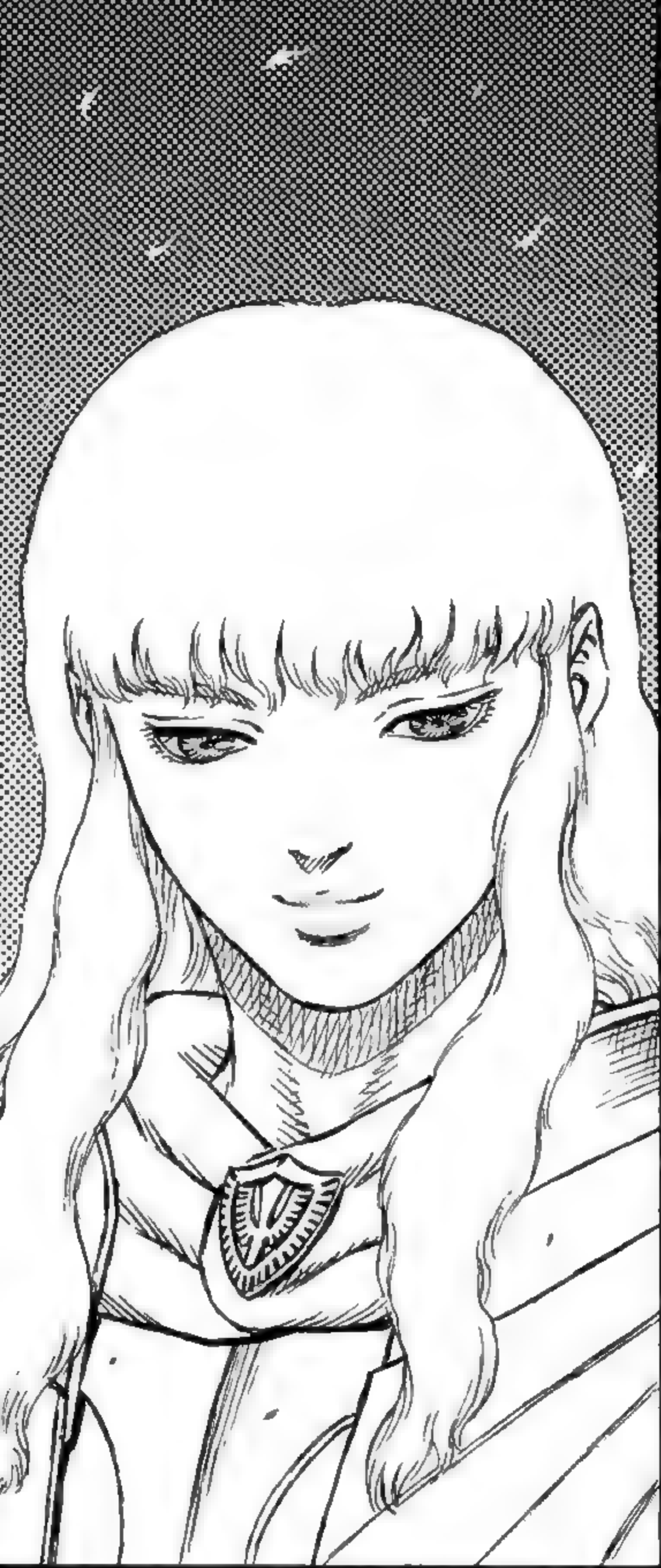




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WAR IS THE
SAME WAY...
WHY IS IT
THAT MEN
ENJOY LITTLE
MORE THAN
SHEDDING
BLOOD?

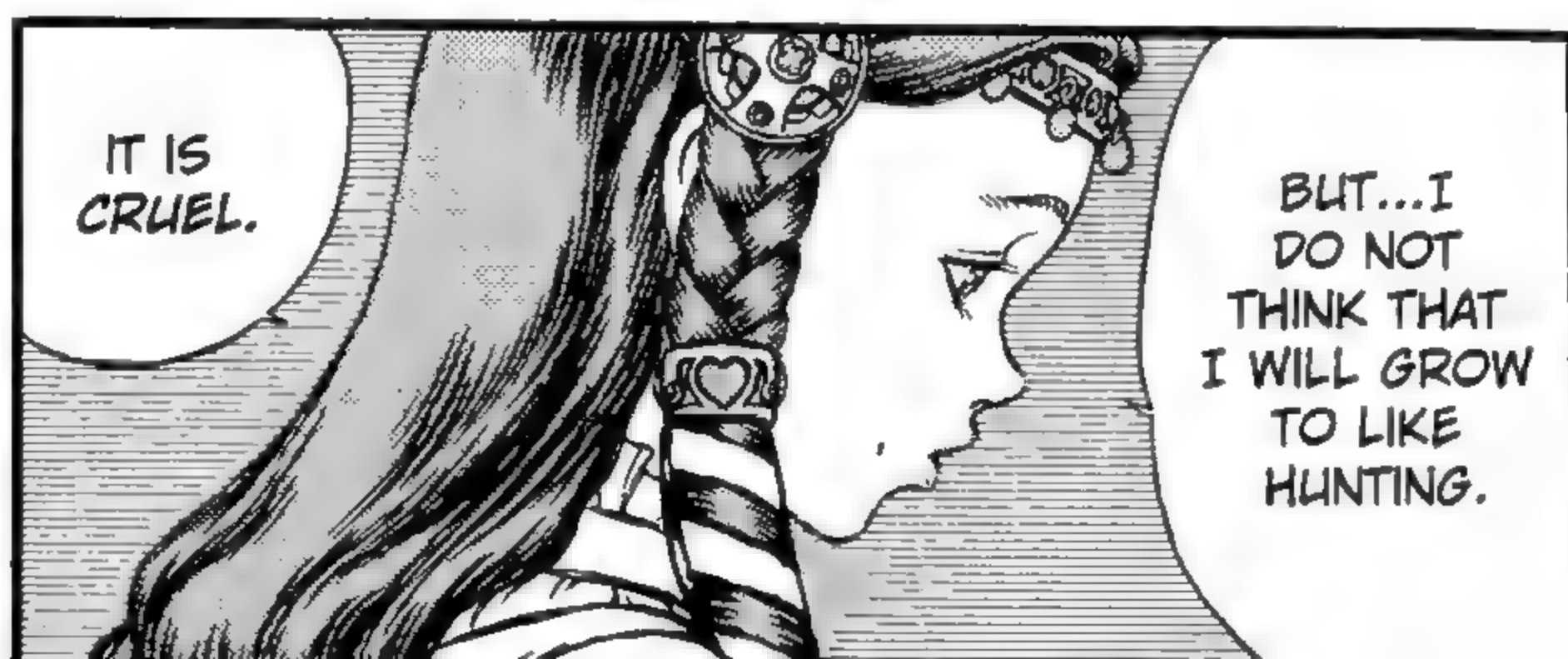
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TODAY IS THE FIRST
TIME I HAVE COME
TO THE HUNTING
GROUNDS. MY
FATHER INVITED
ME, SO I FELT
I MUST
ACCOMPANY HIM.

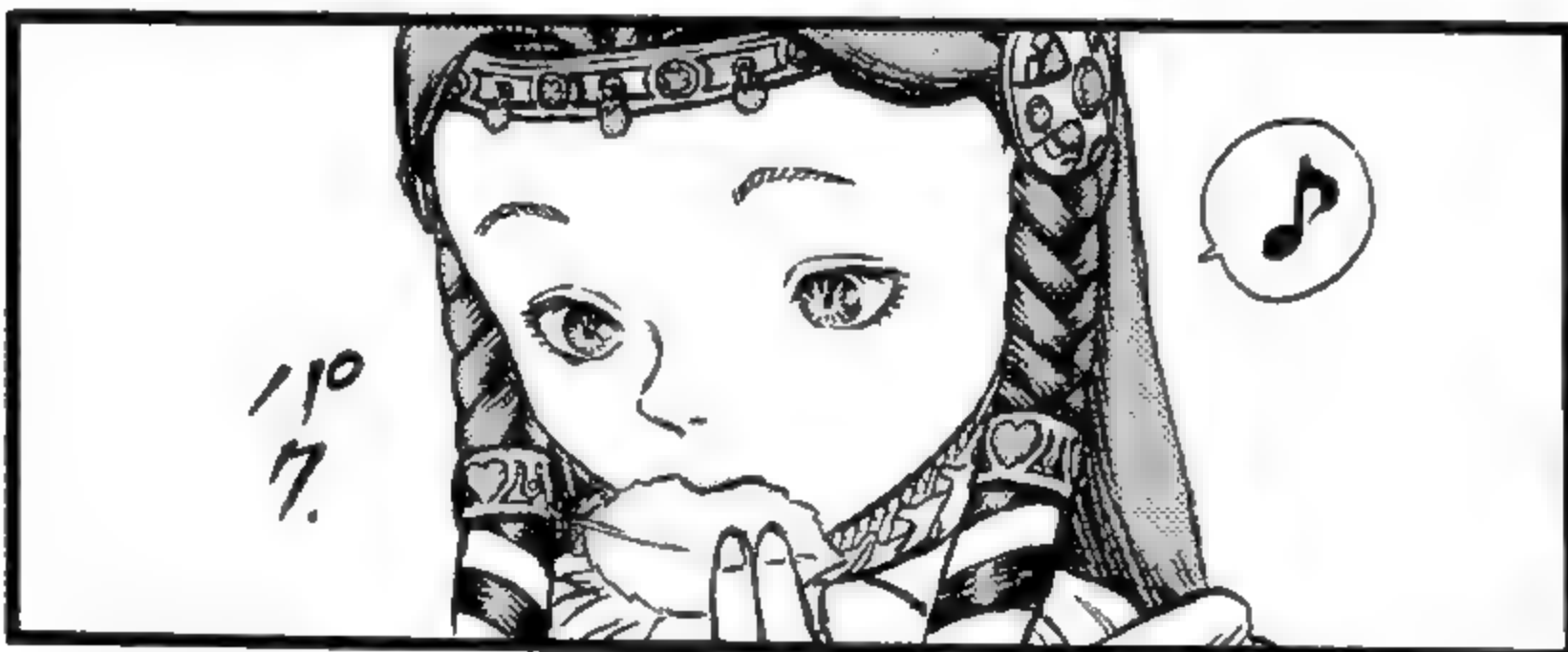
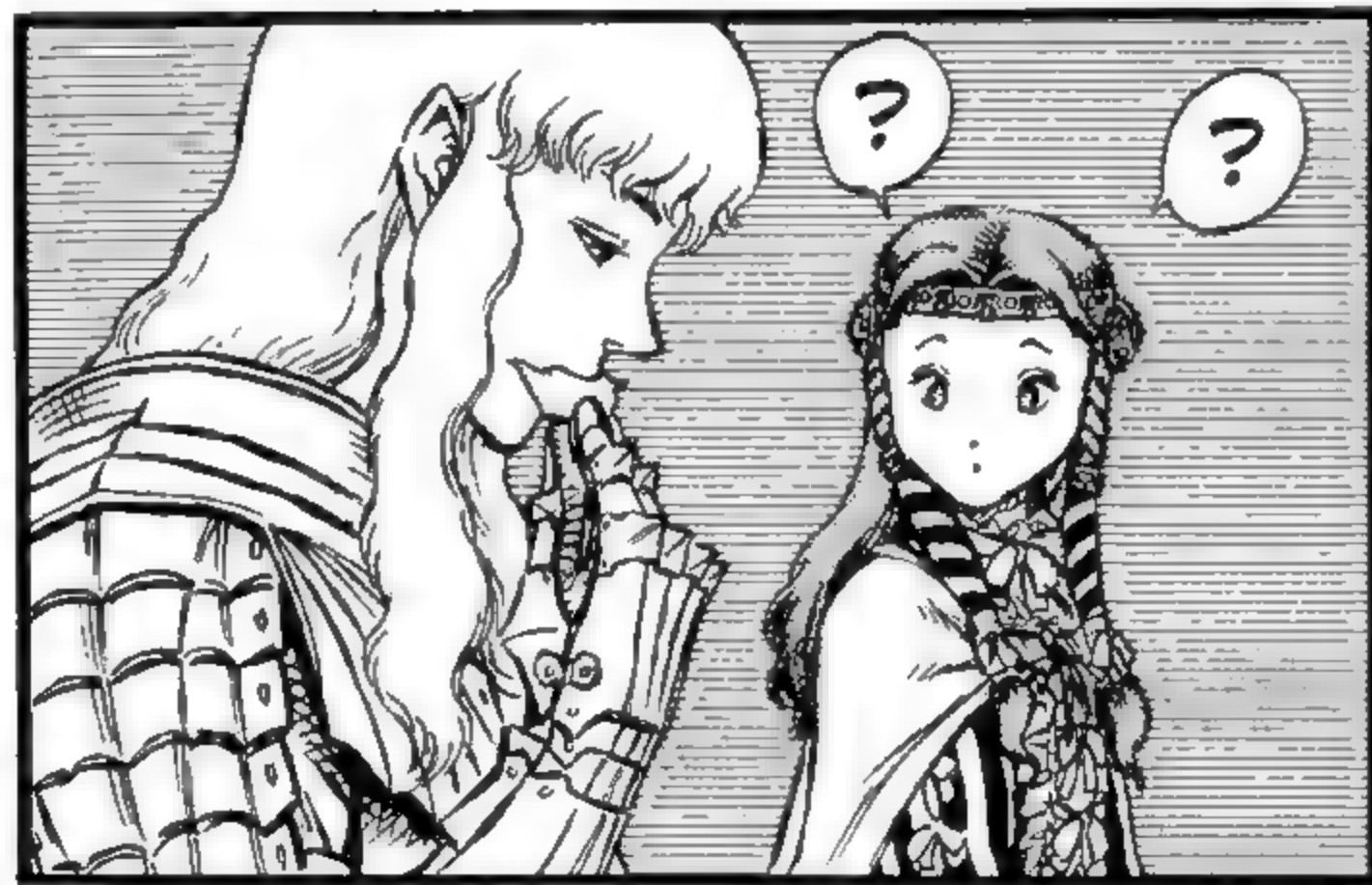


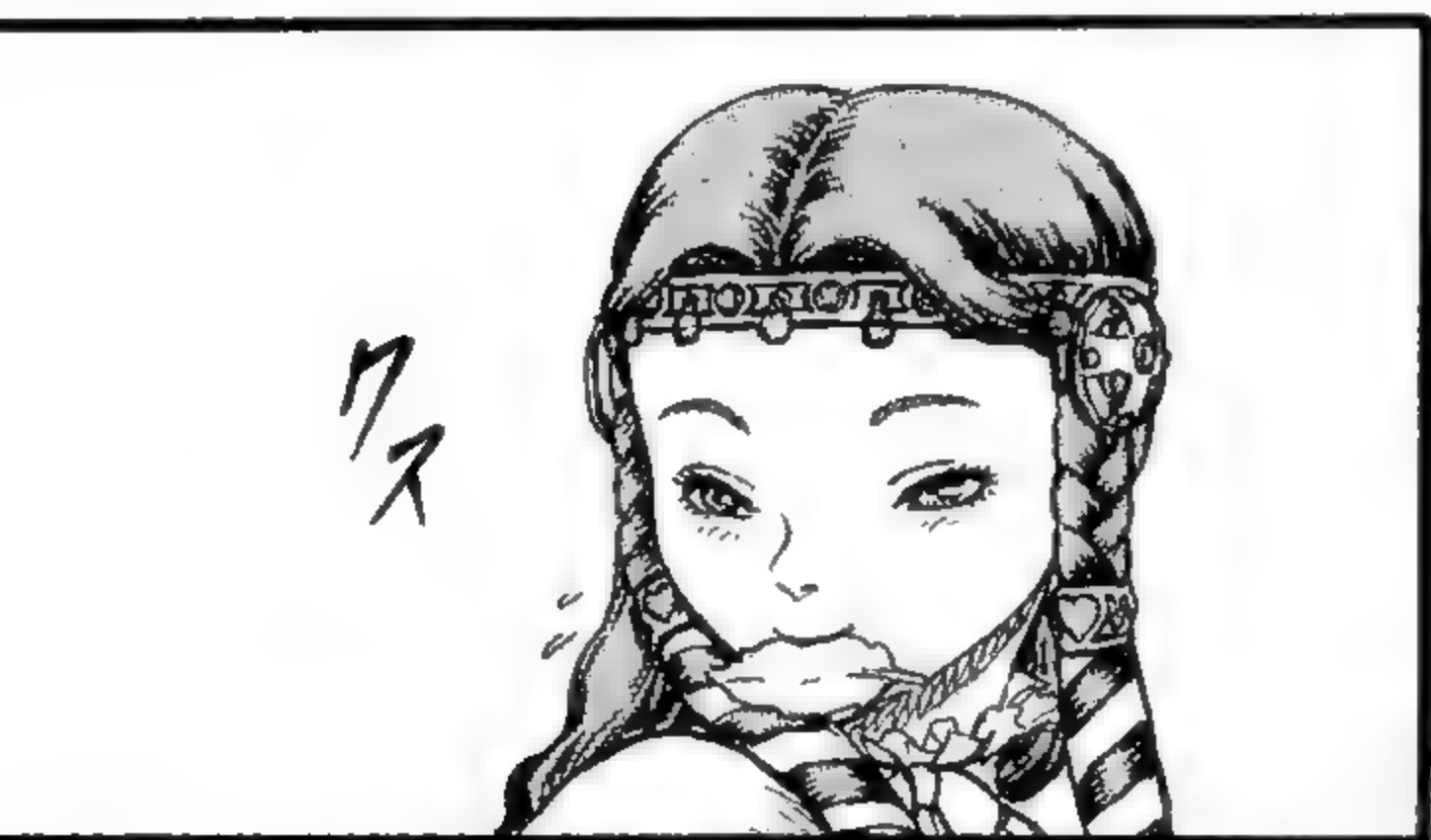
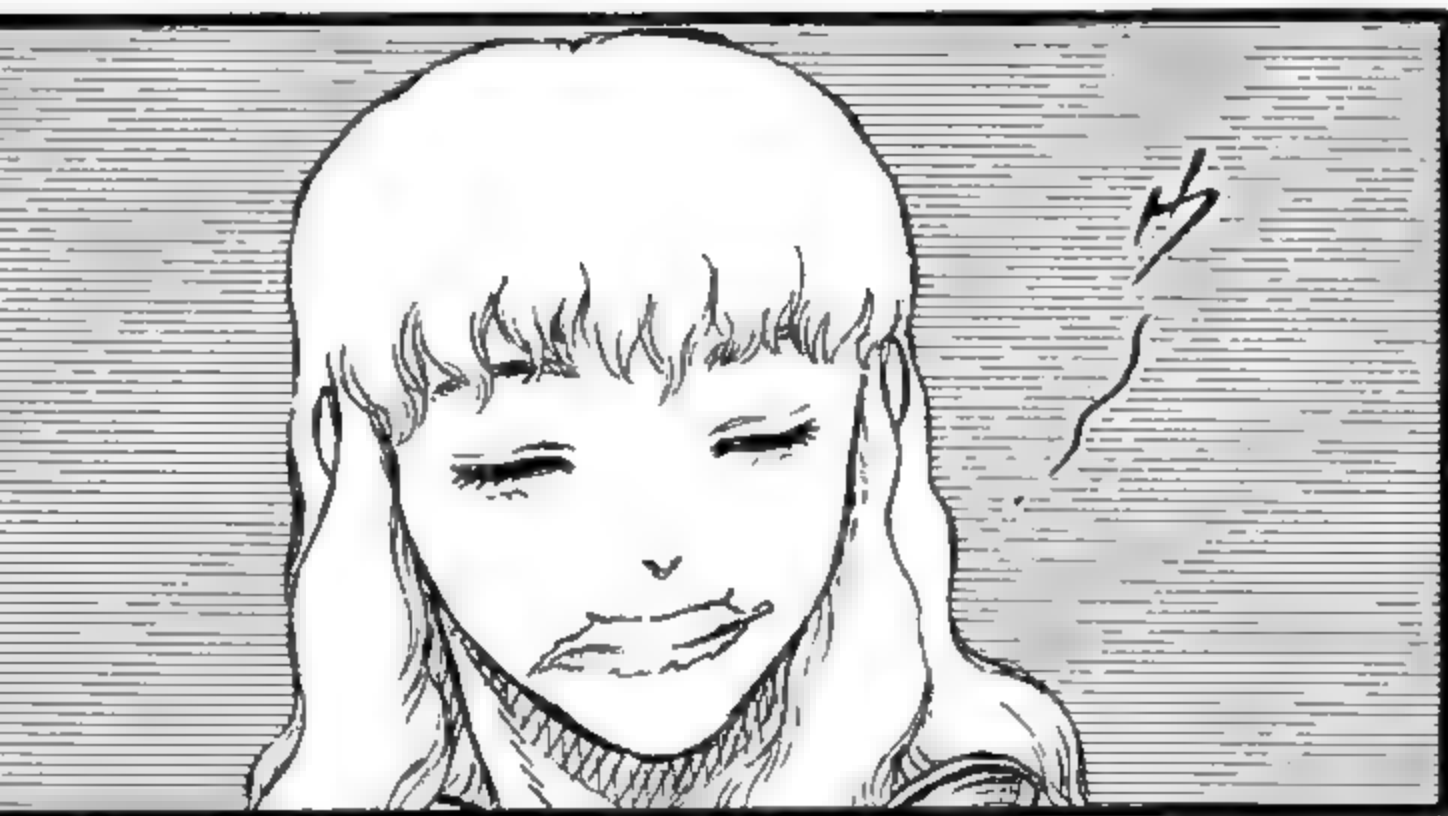
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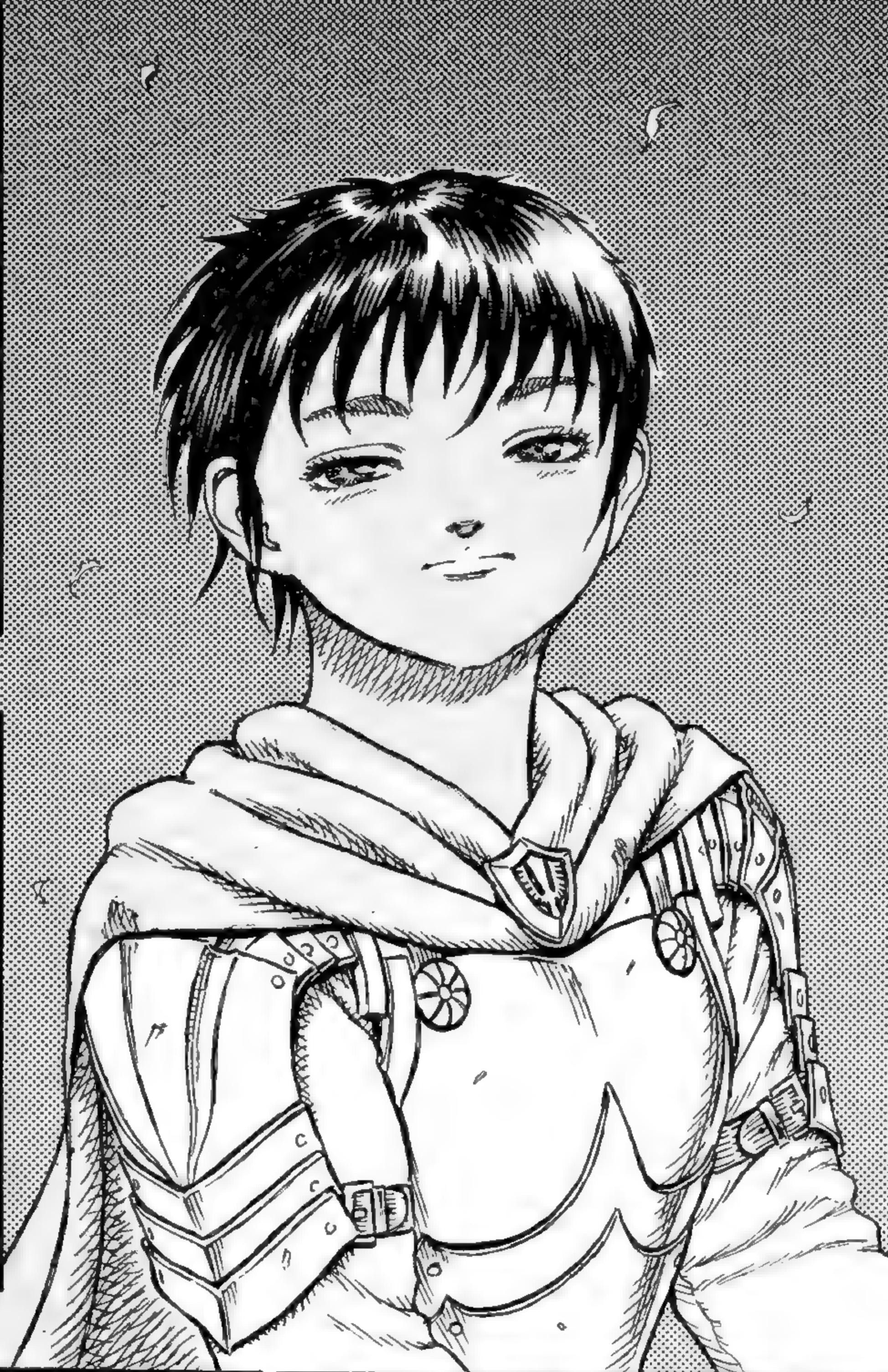
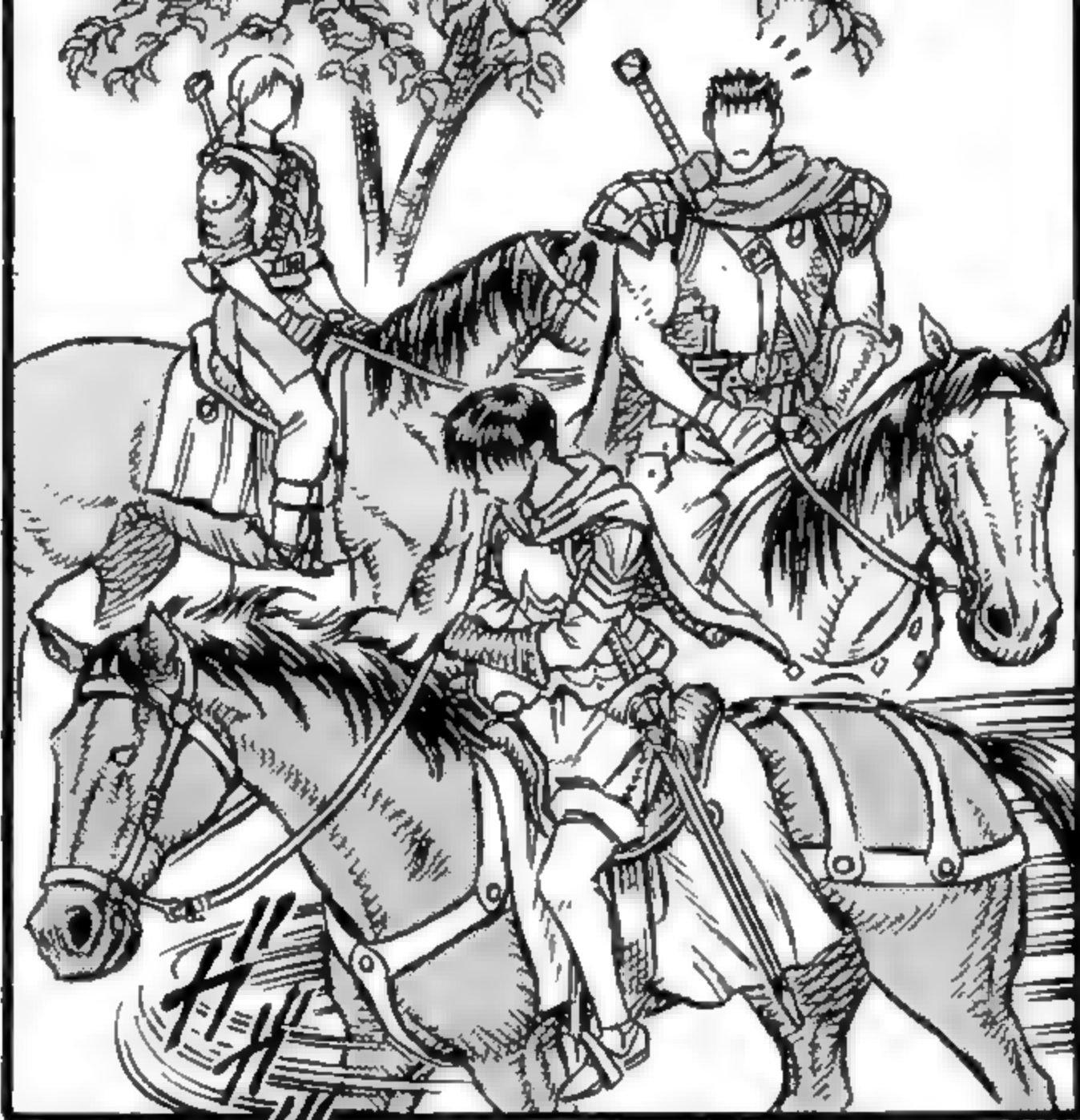


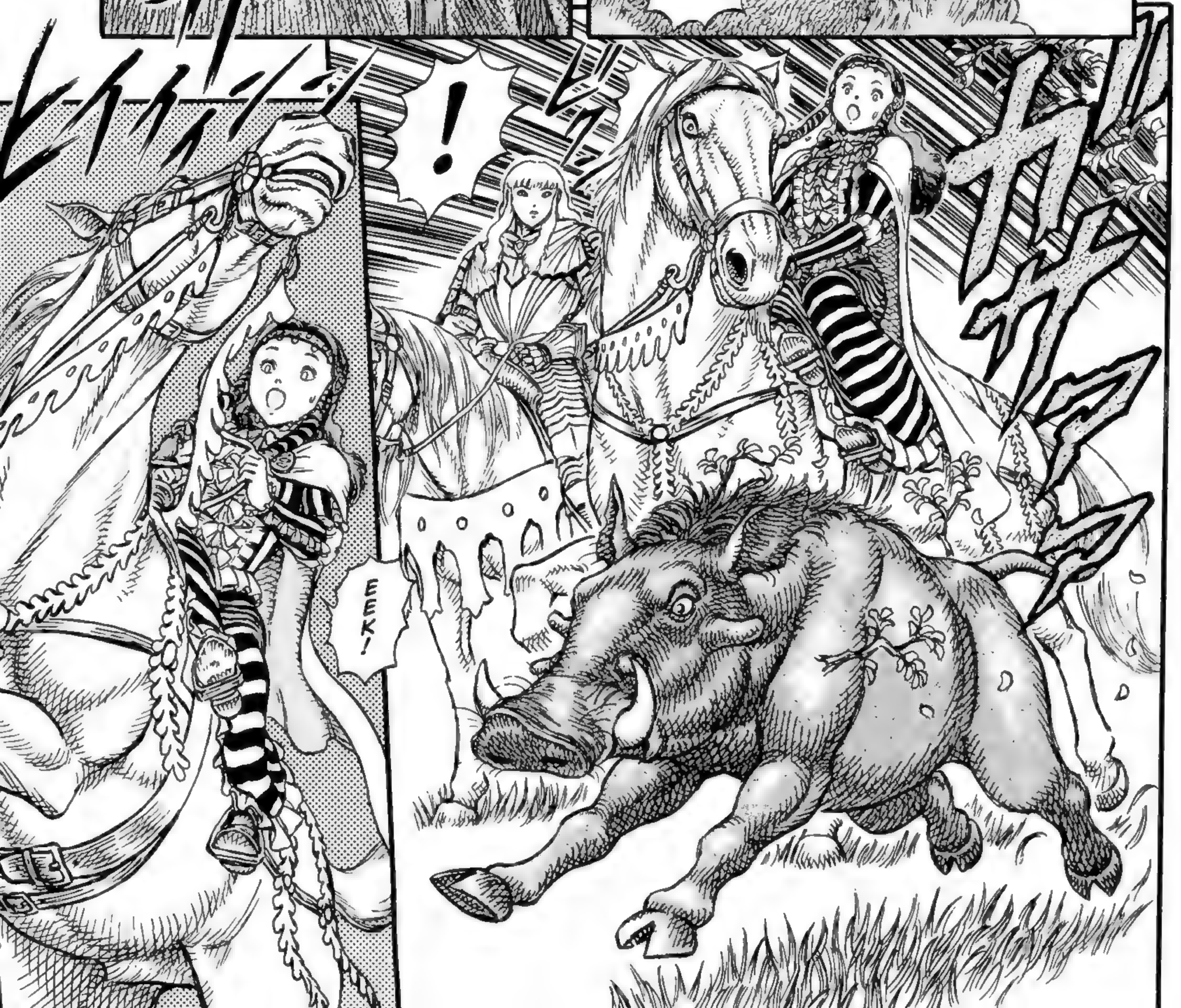
IT IS
CRUEL.

BUT...I
DO NOT
THINK THAT
I WILL GROW
TO LIKE
HUNTING.

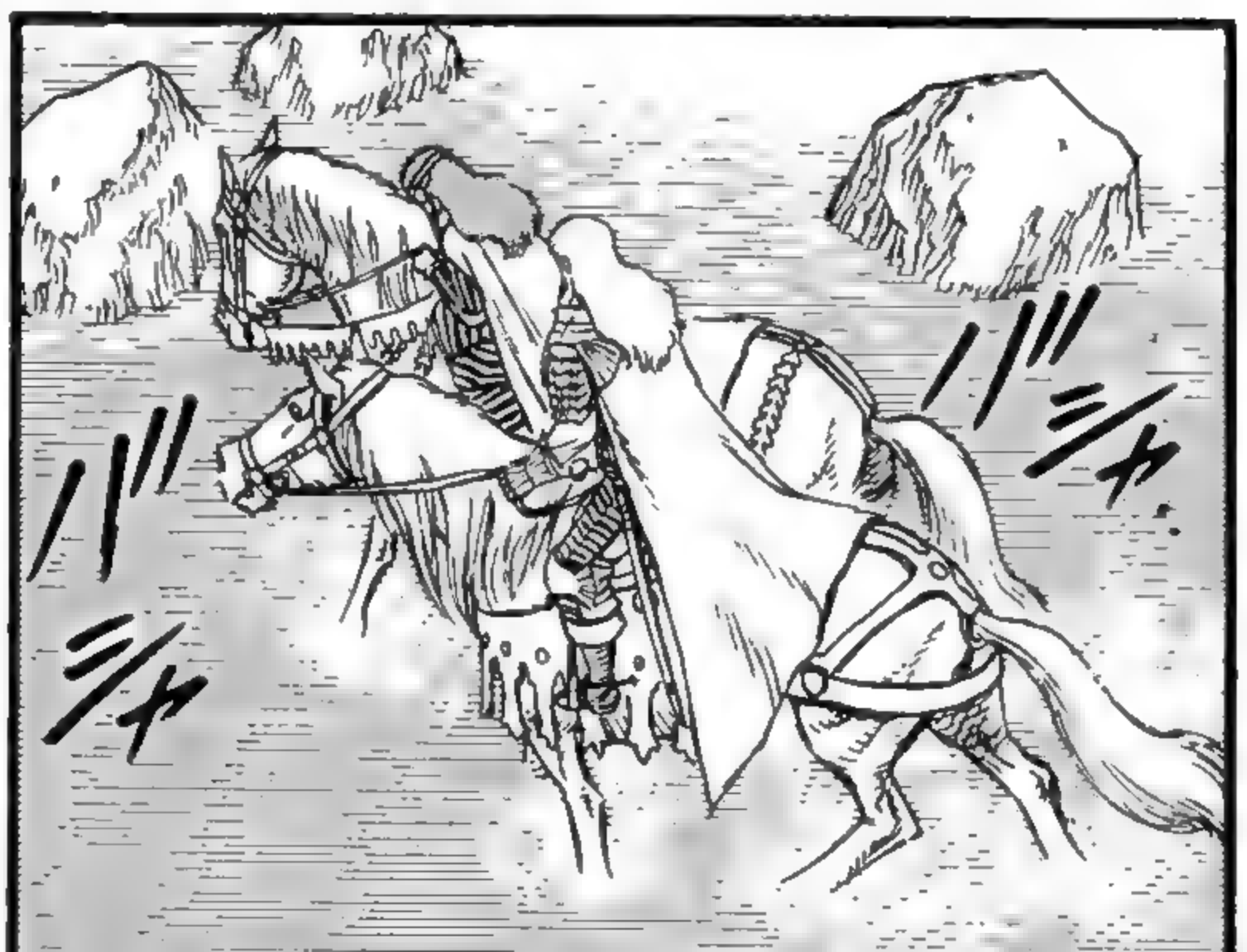
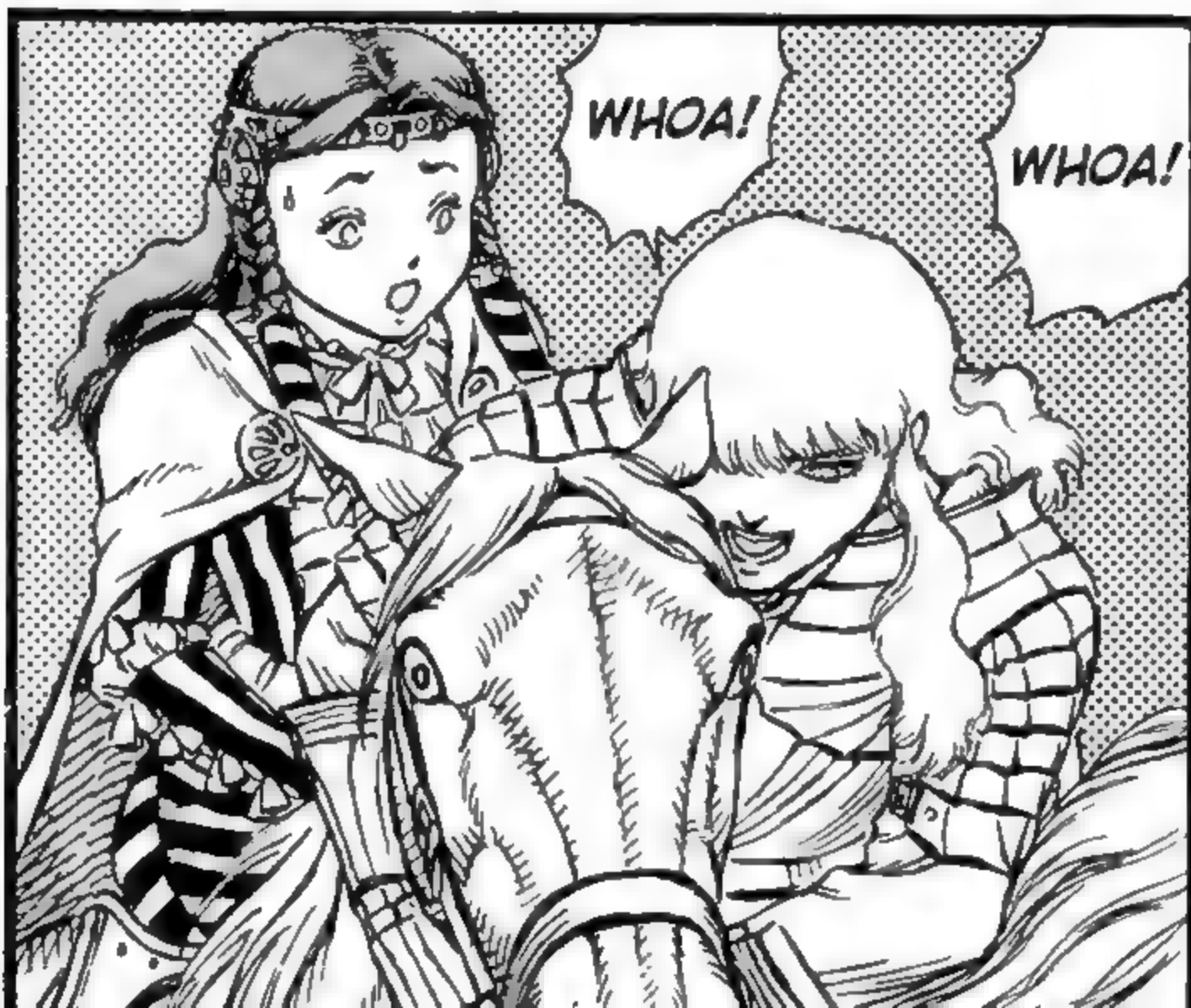
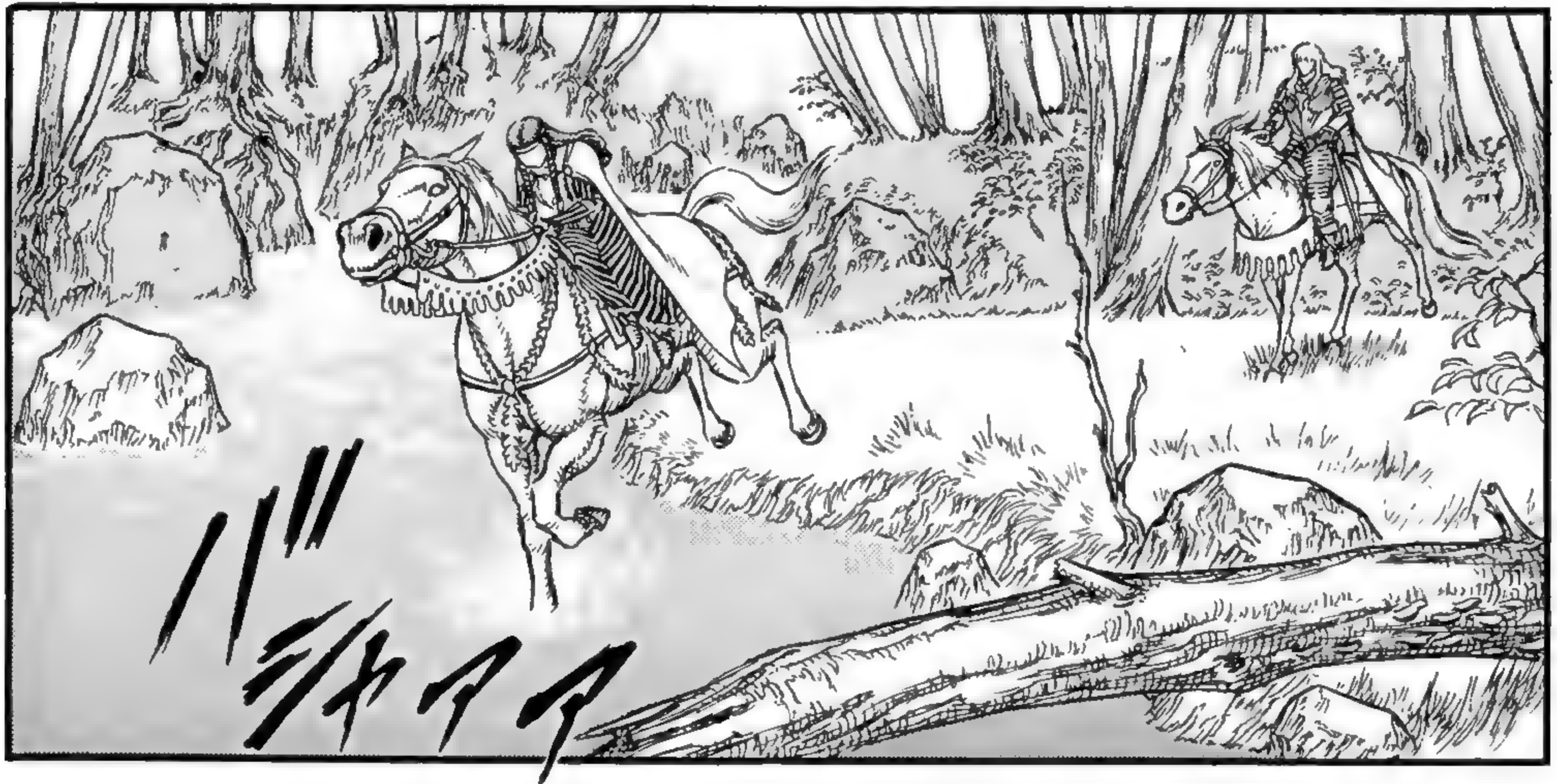


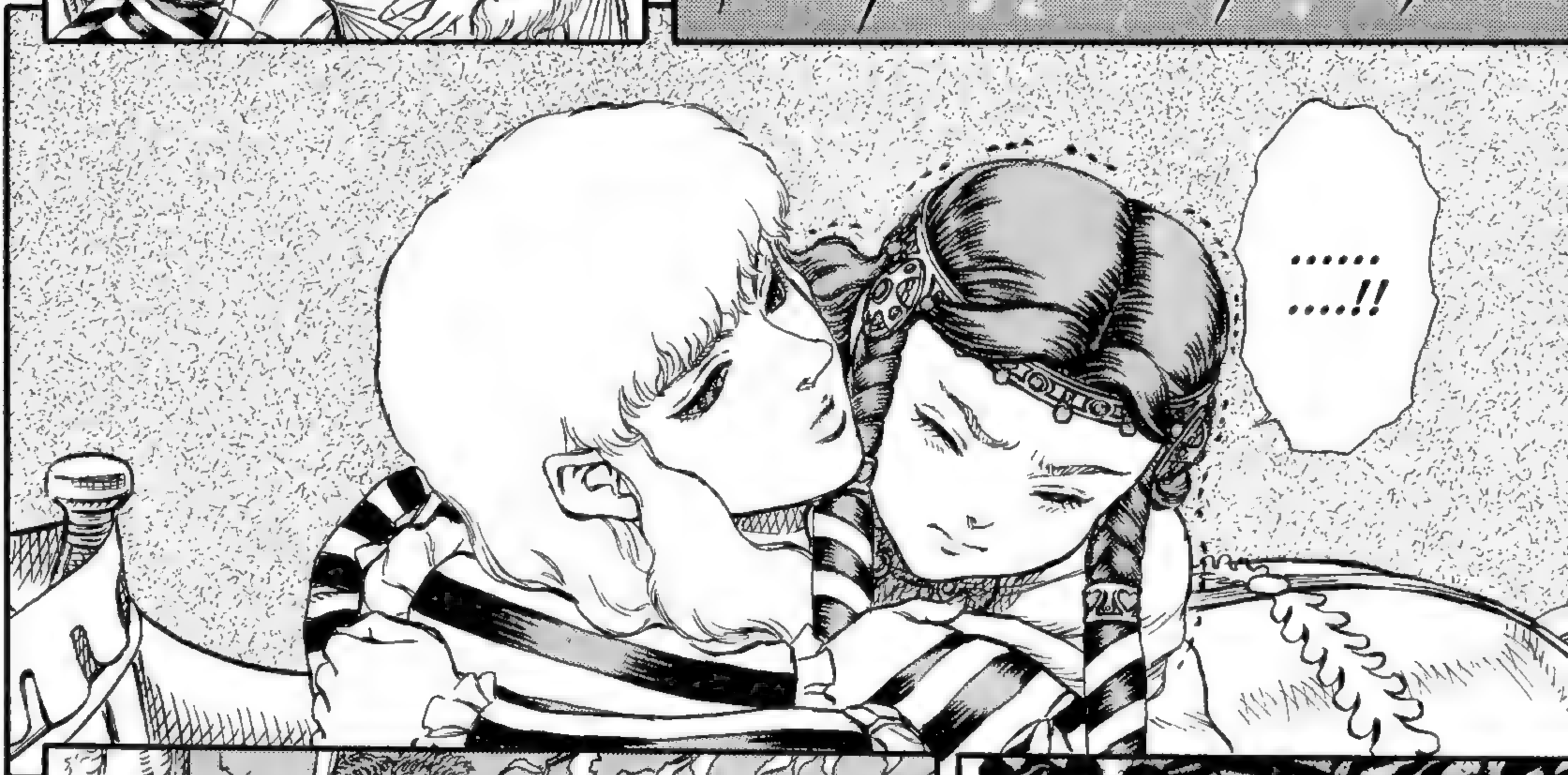
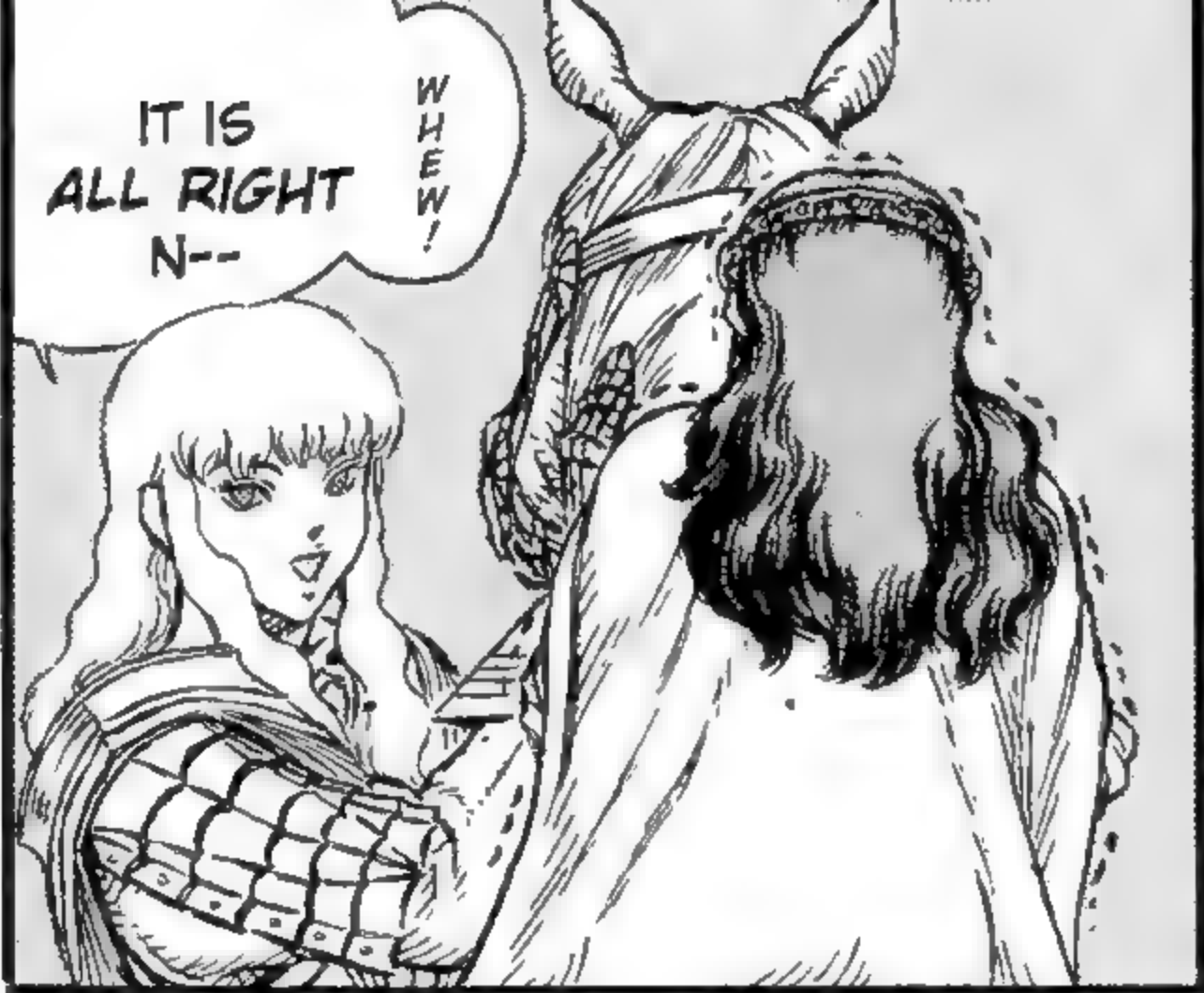


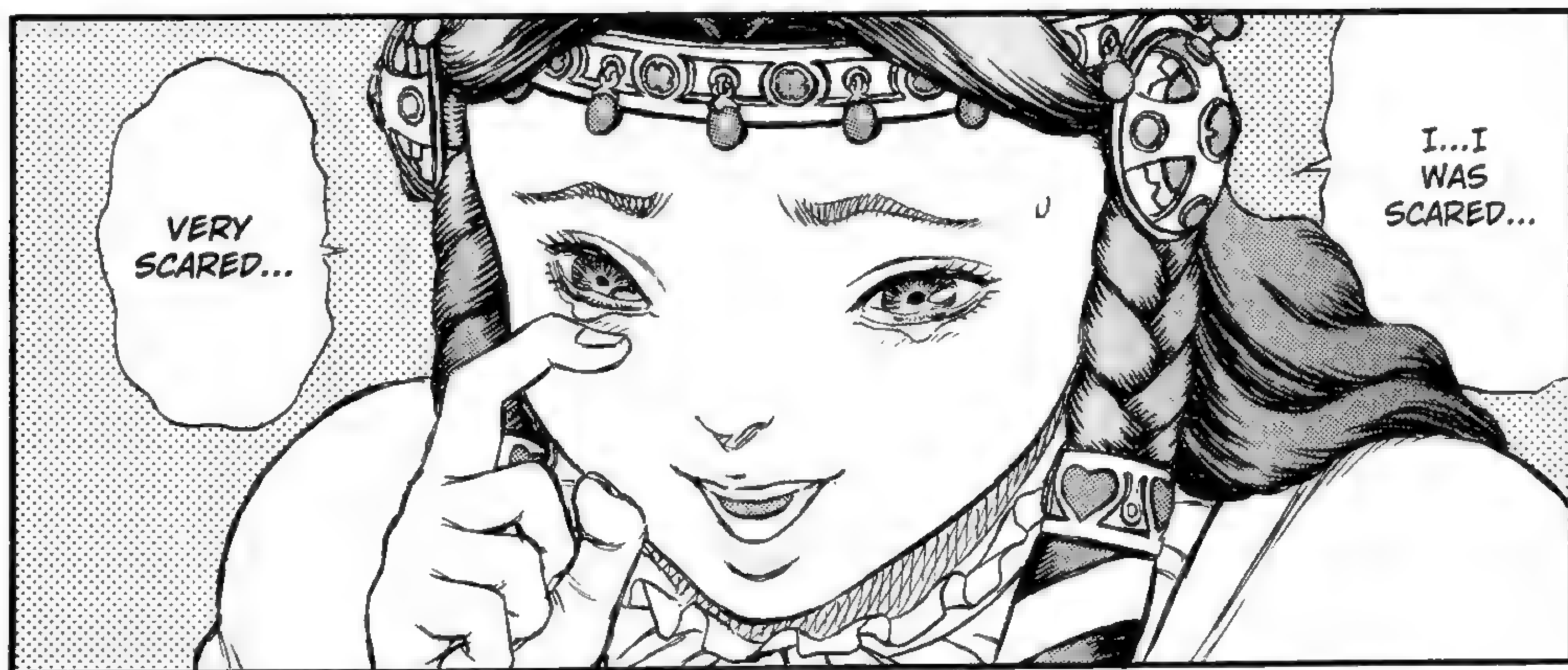
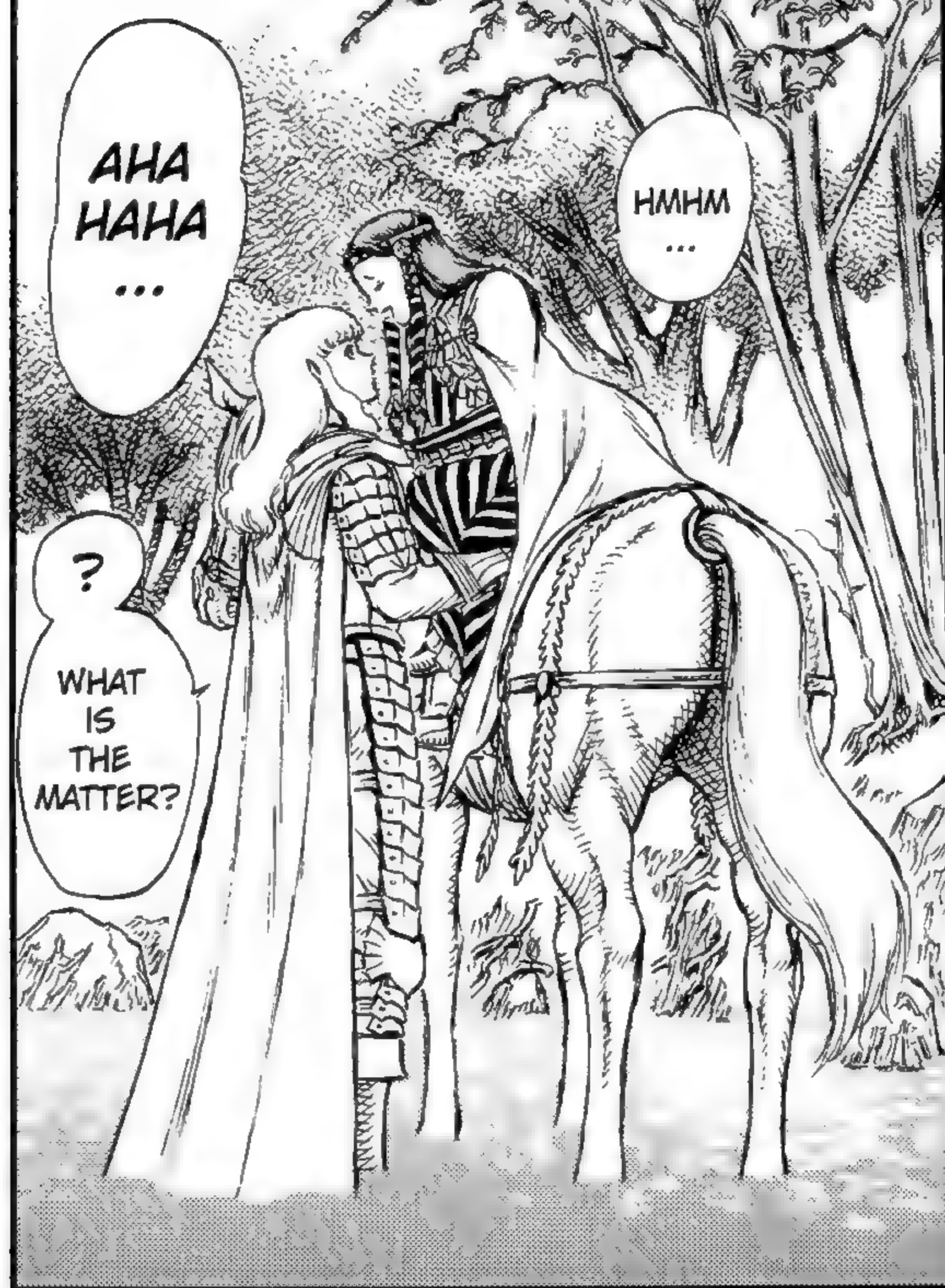


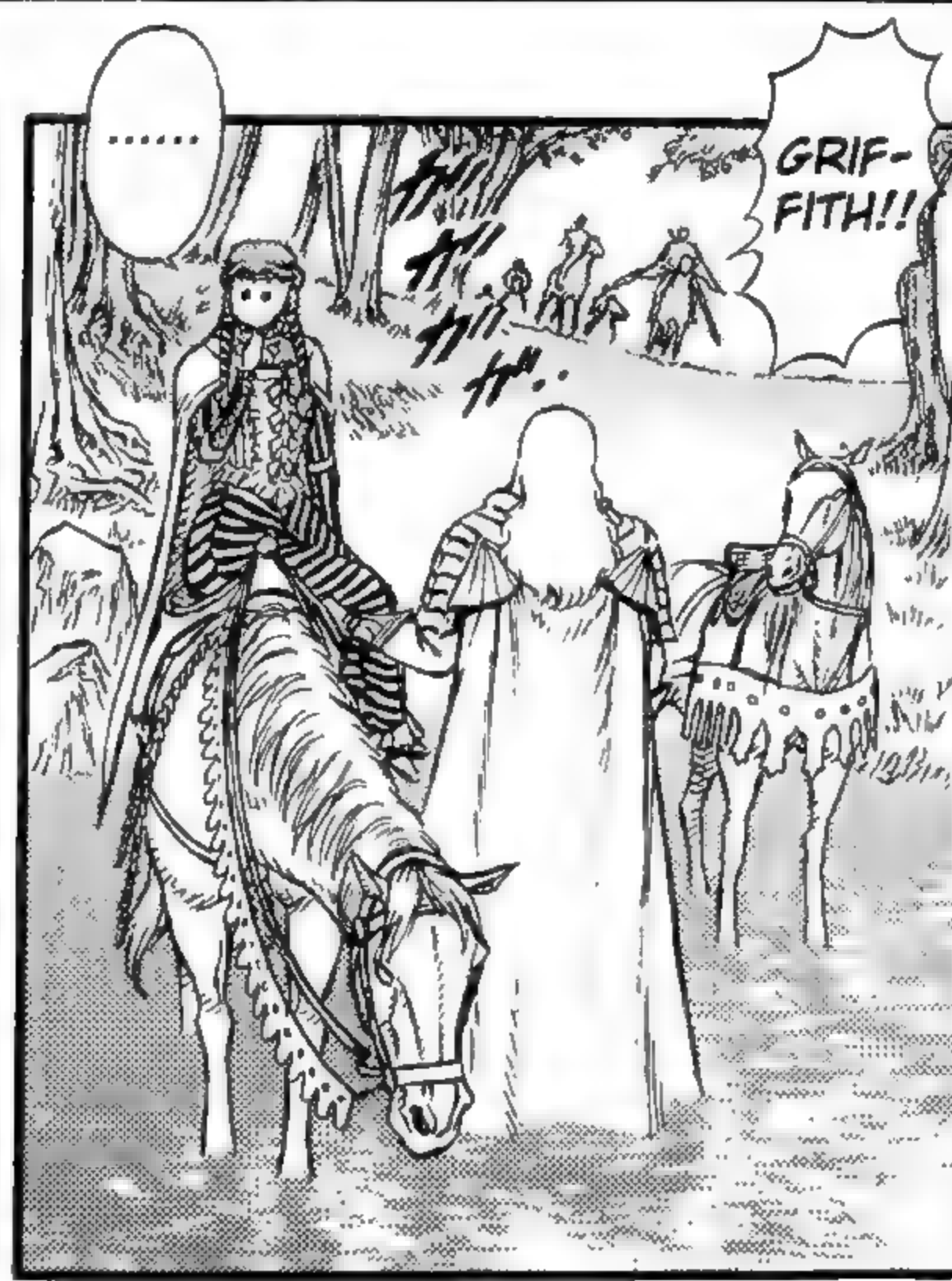
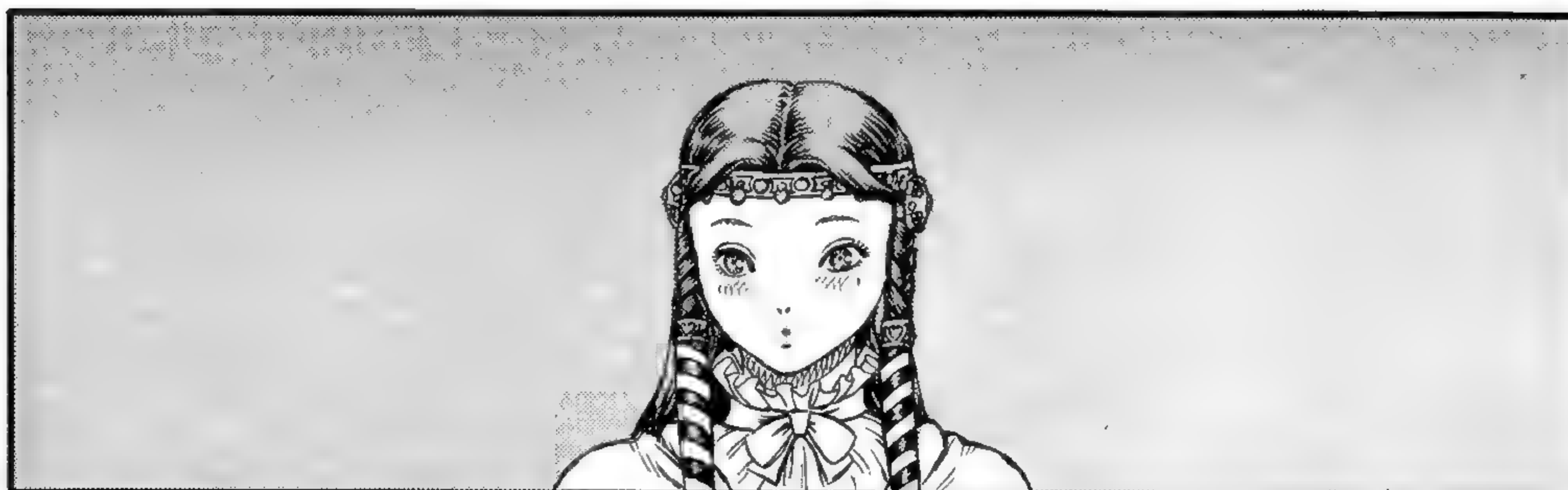
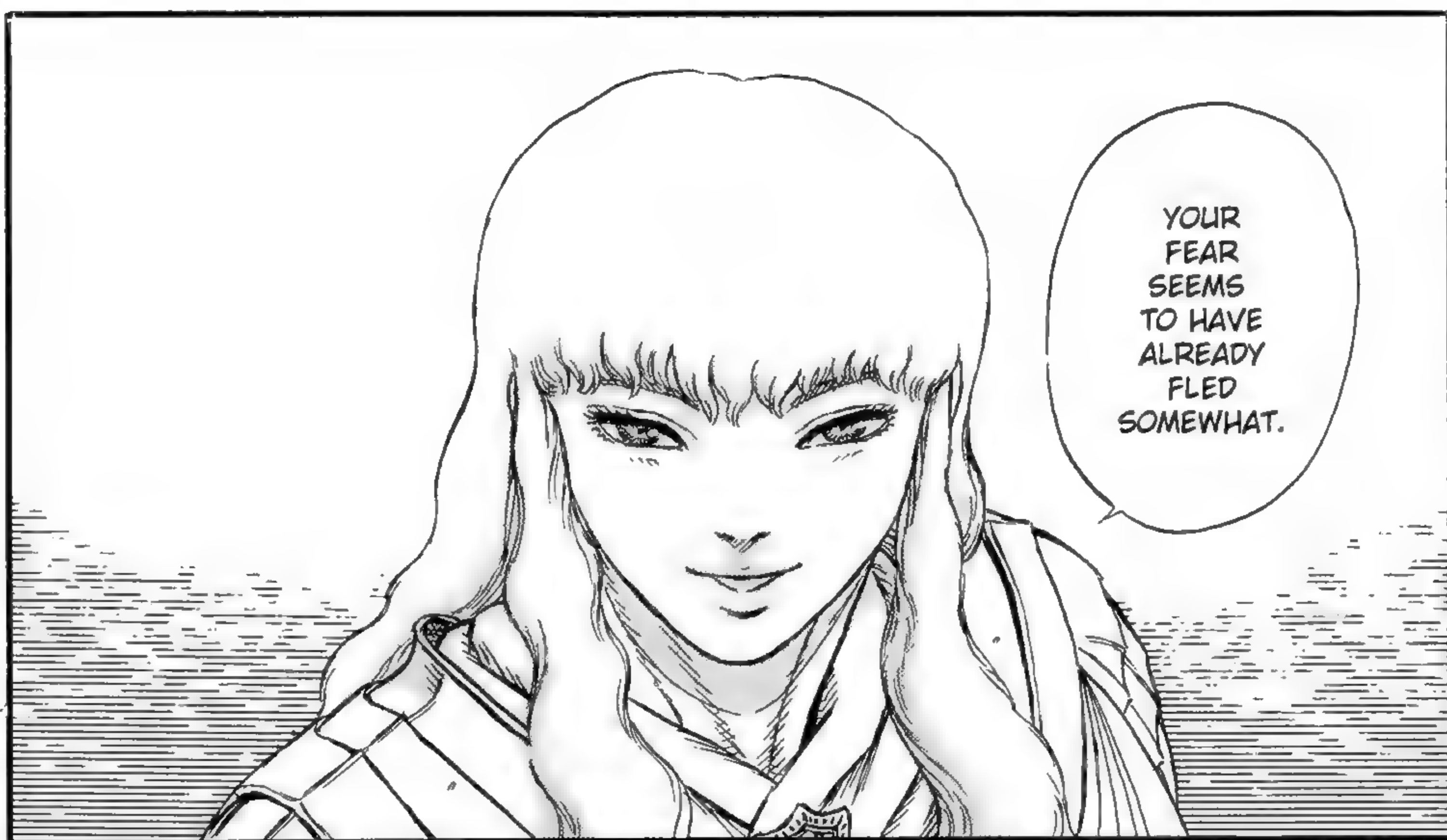


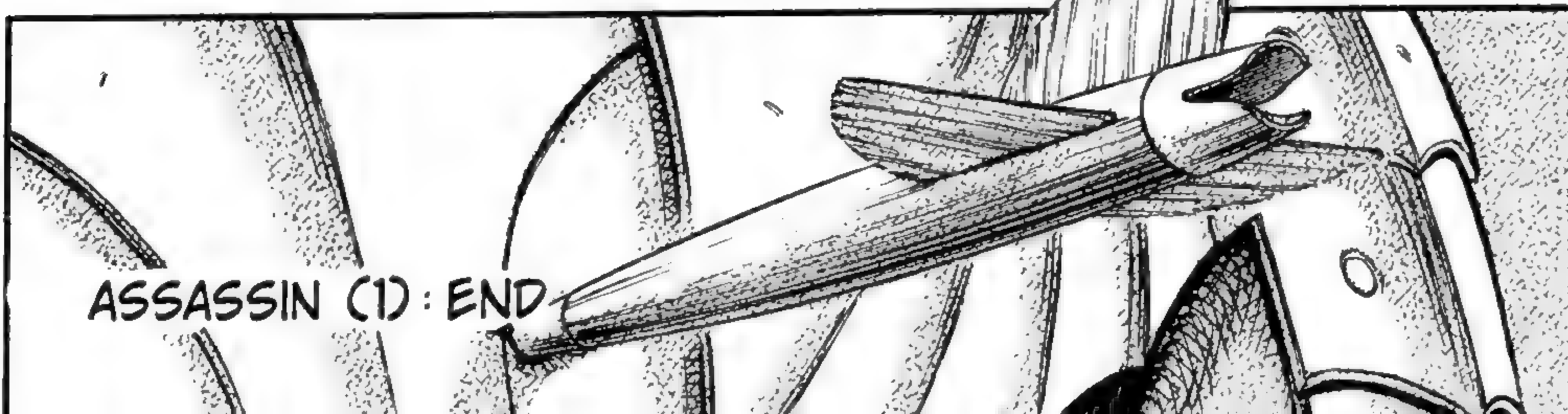
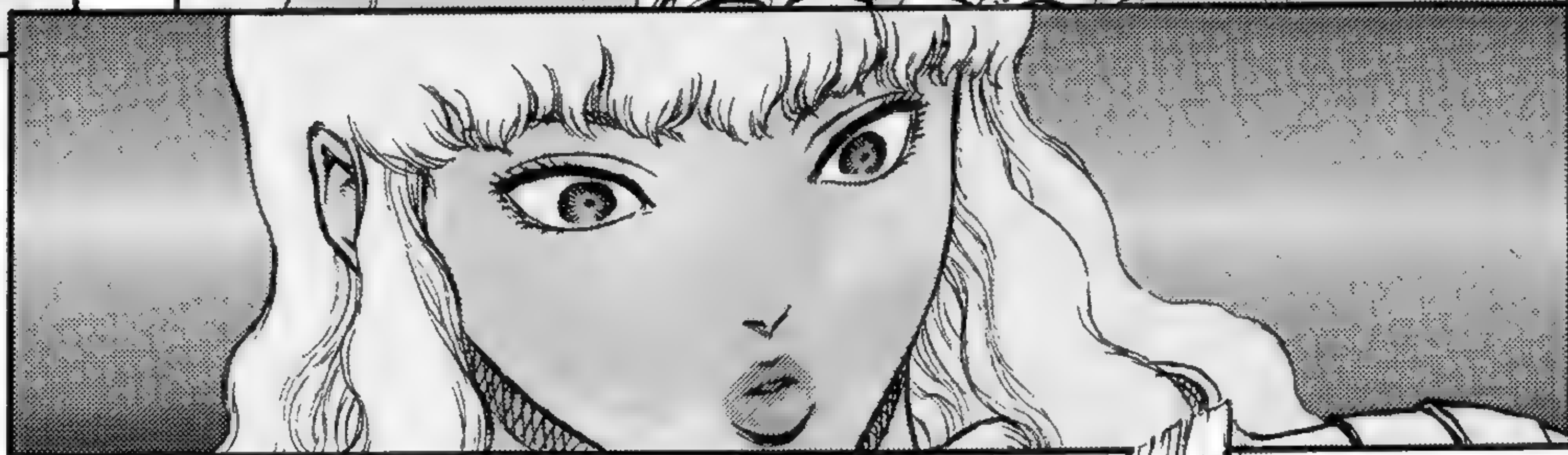




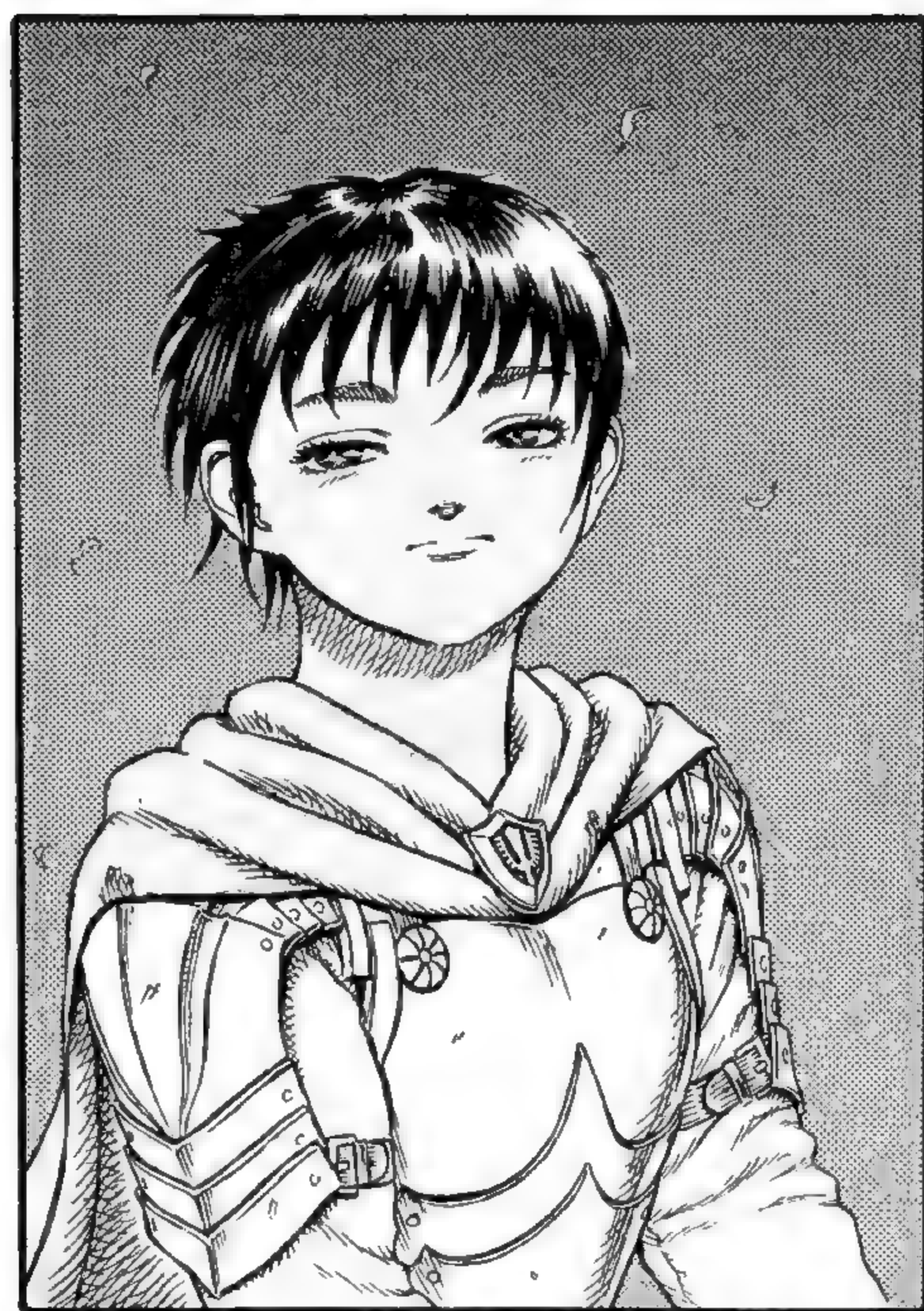


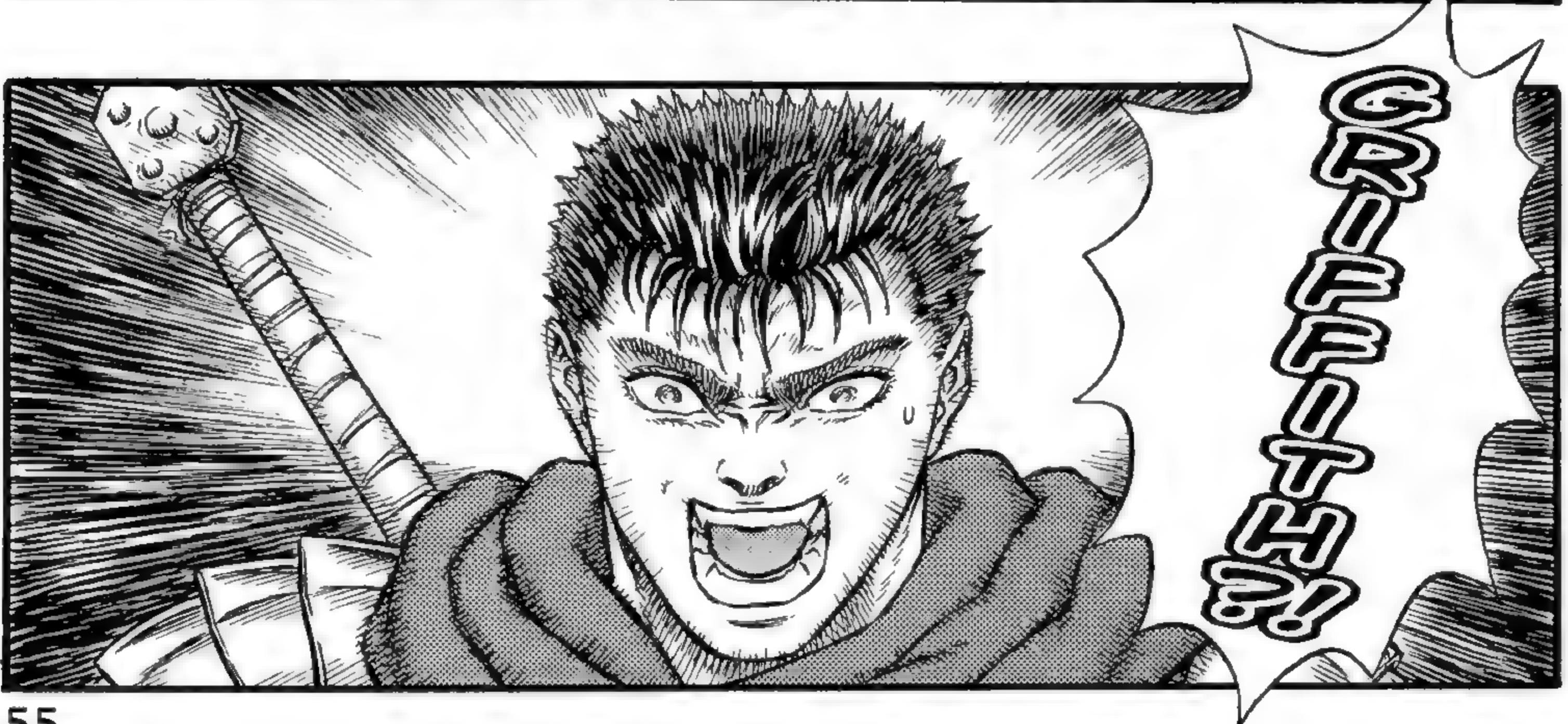
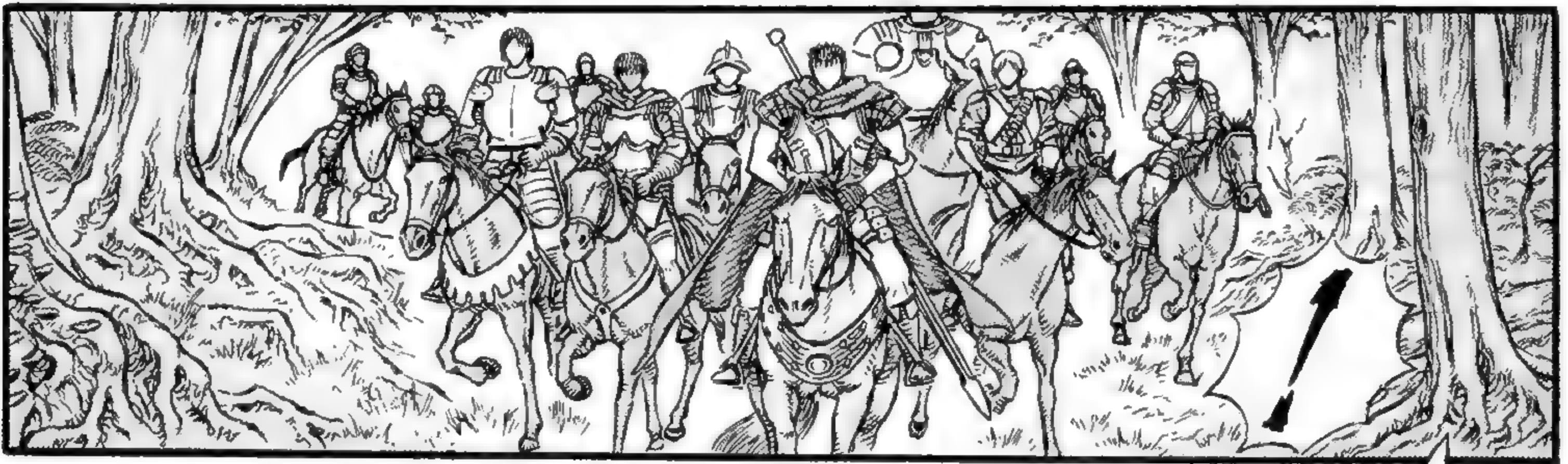
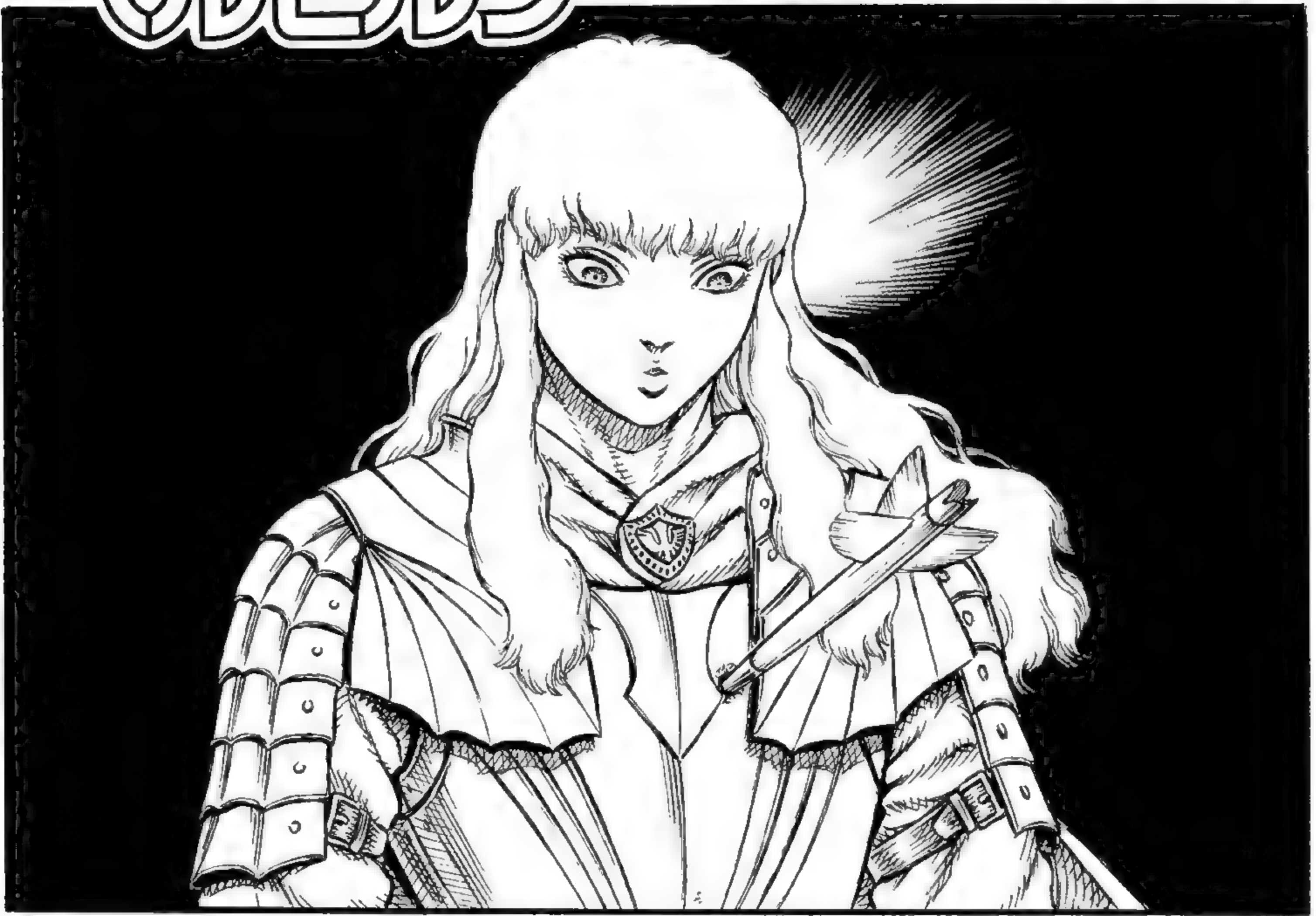






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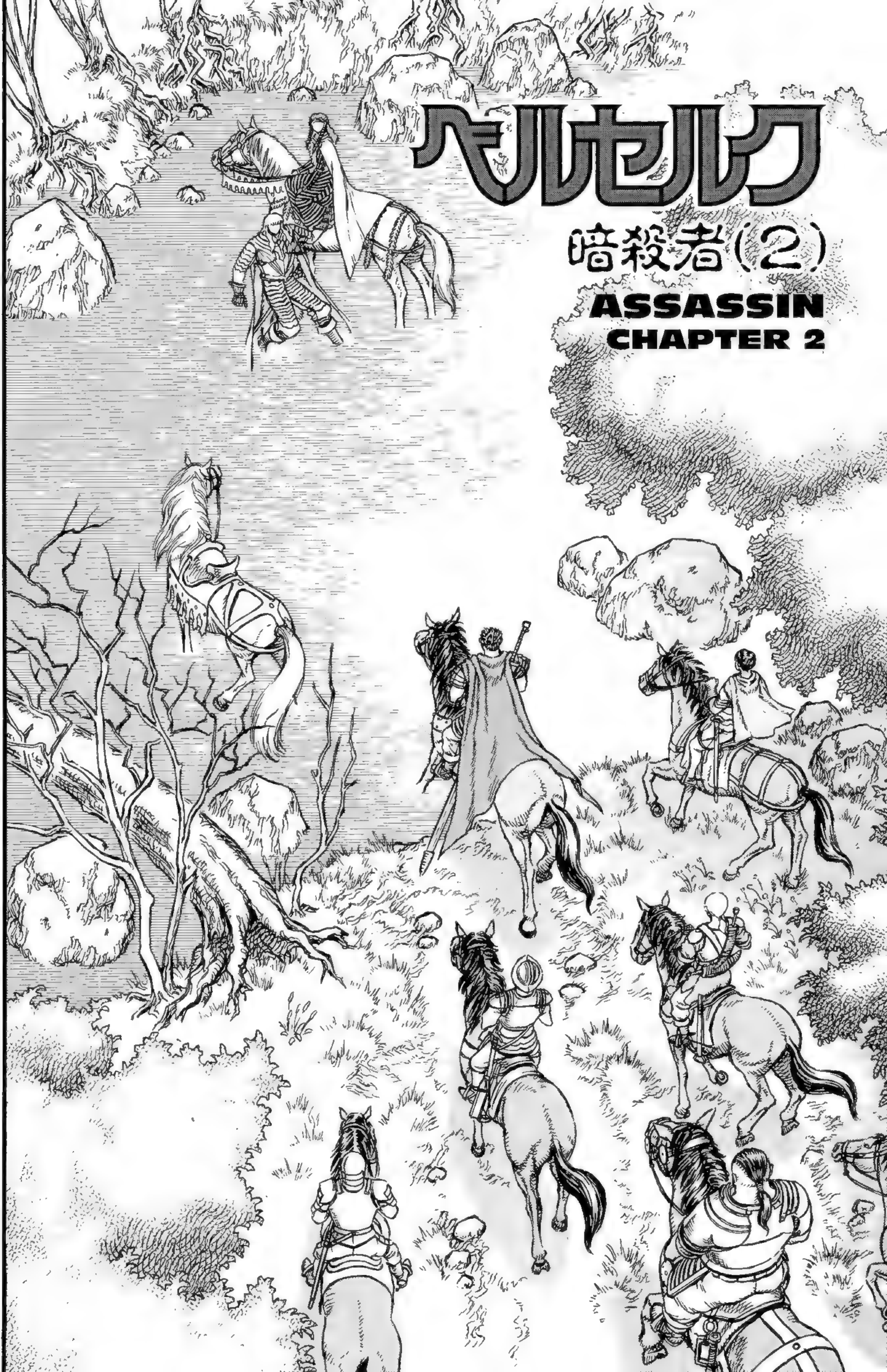




天地劫

暗殺者(2)

ASSASSIN CHAPTER 2





OUCH!
LET
GO...

I...I...
I DO NOT
KNOW.

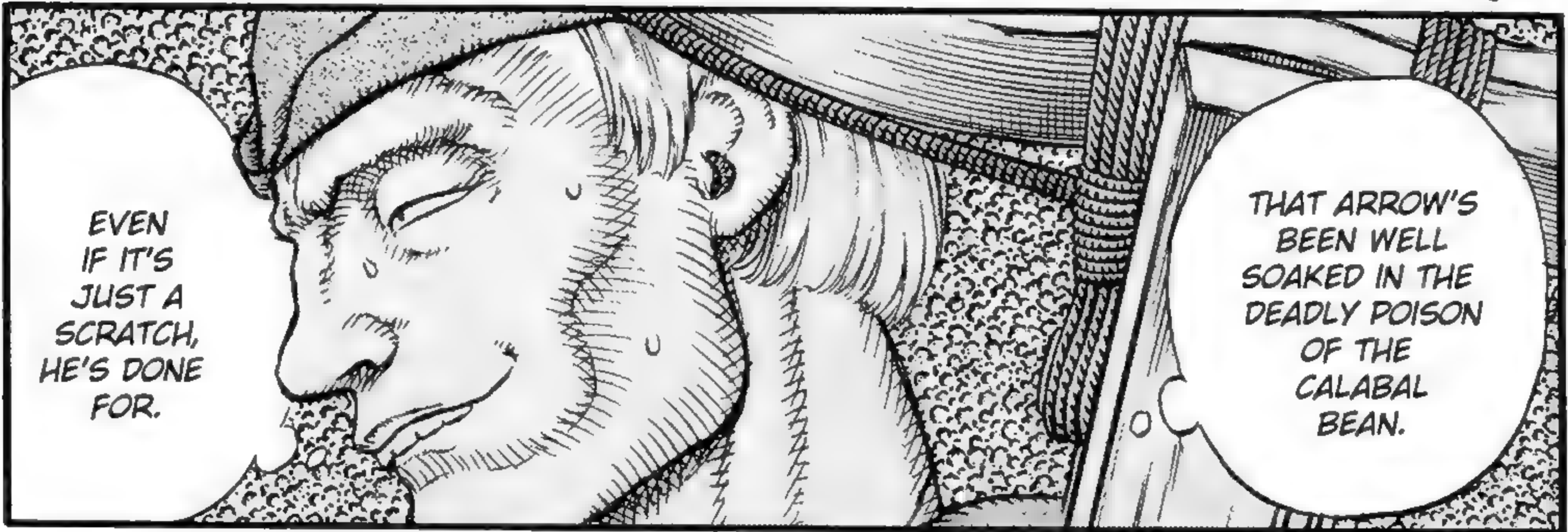
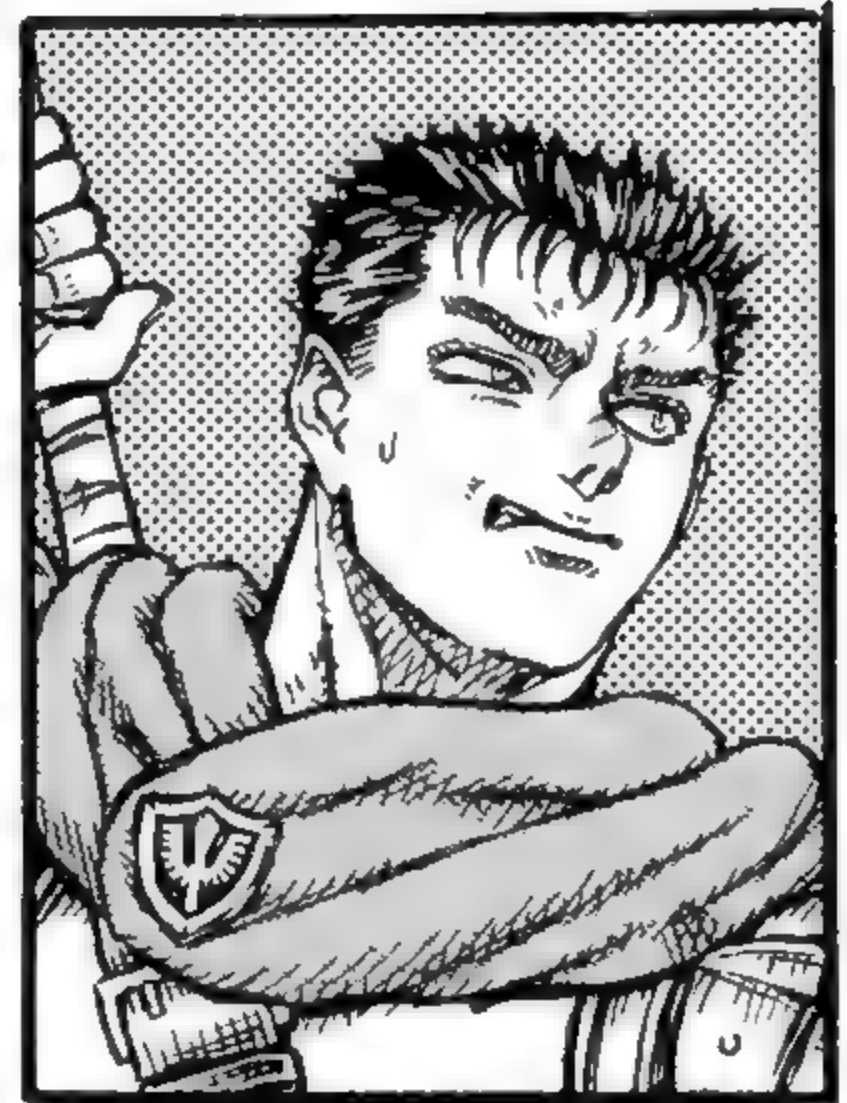
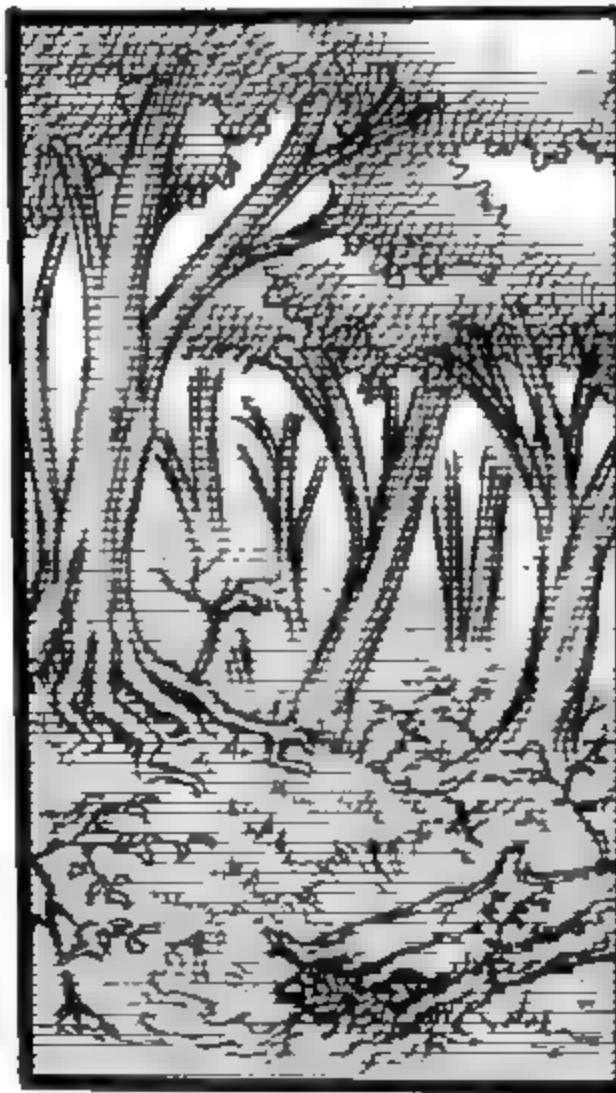
WHAT
THE
HELL'S
GOIN'
ON?!

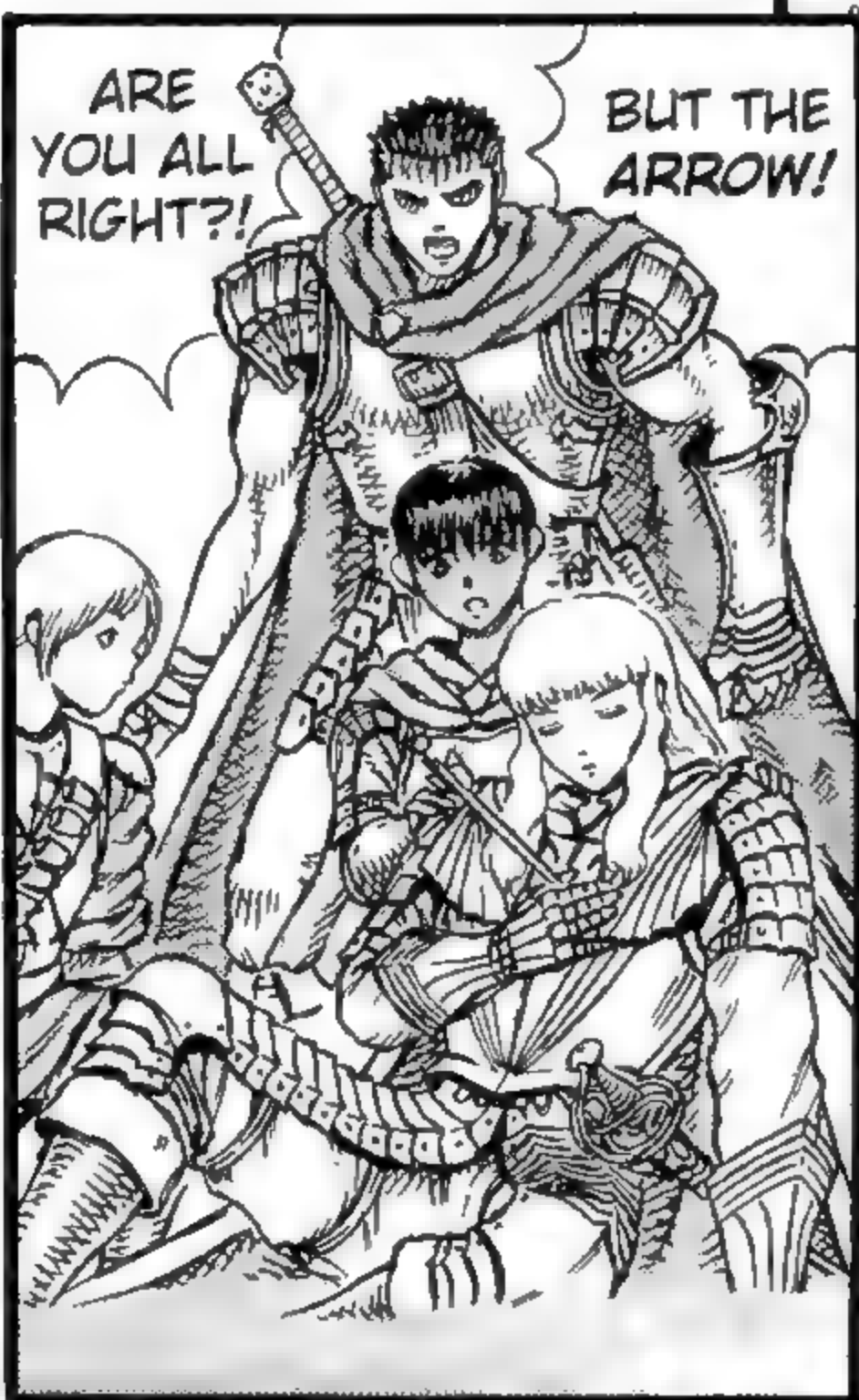
WHERE'D
THAT
ARROW
COME
FROM?!

HN...!

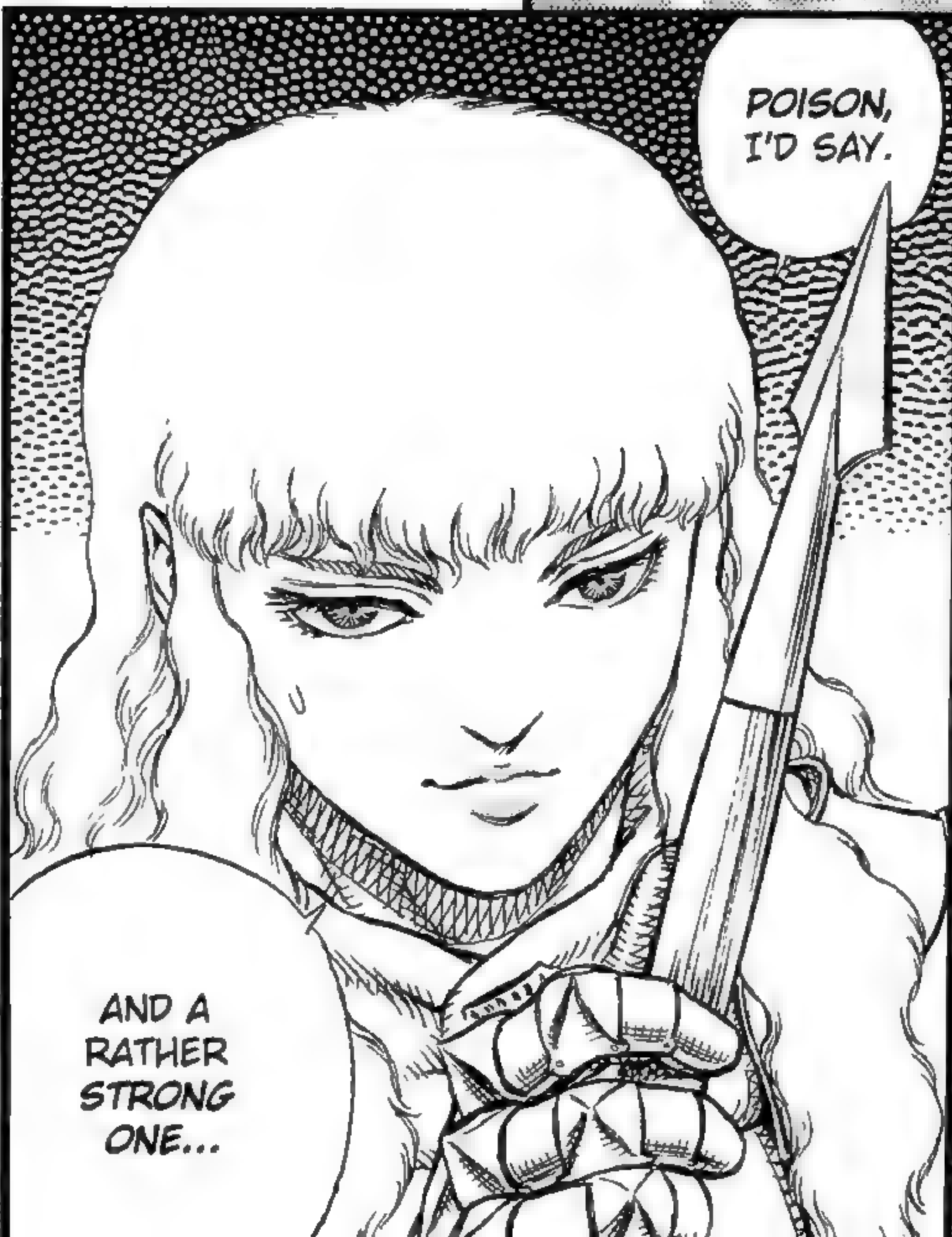
OH, NO. IF
WE AREN'T
CAREFUL, HIS
HEART MIGHT...

NO
WAY!!

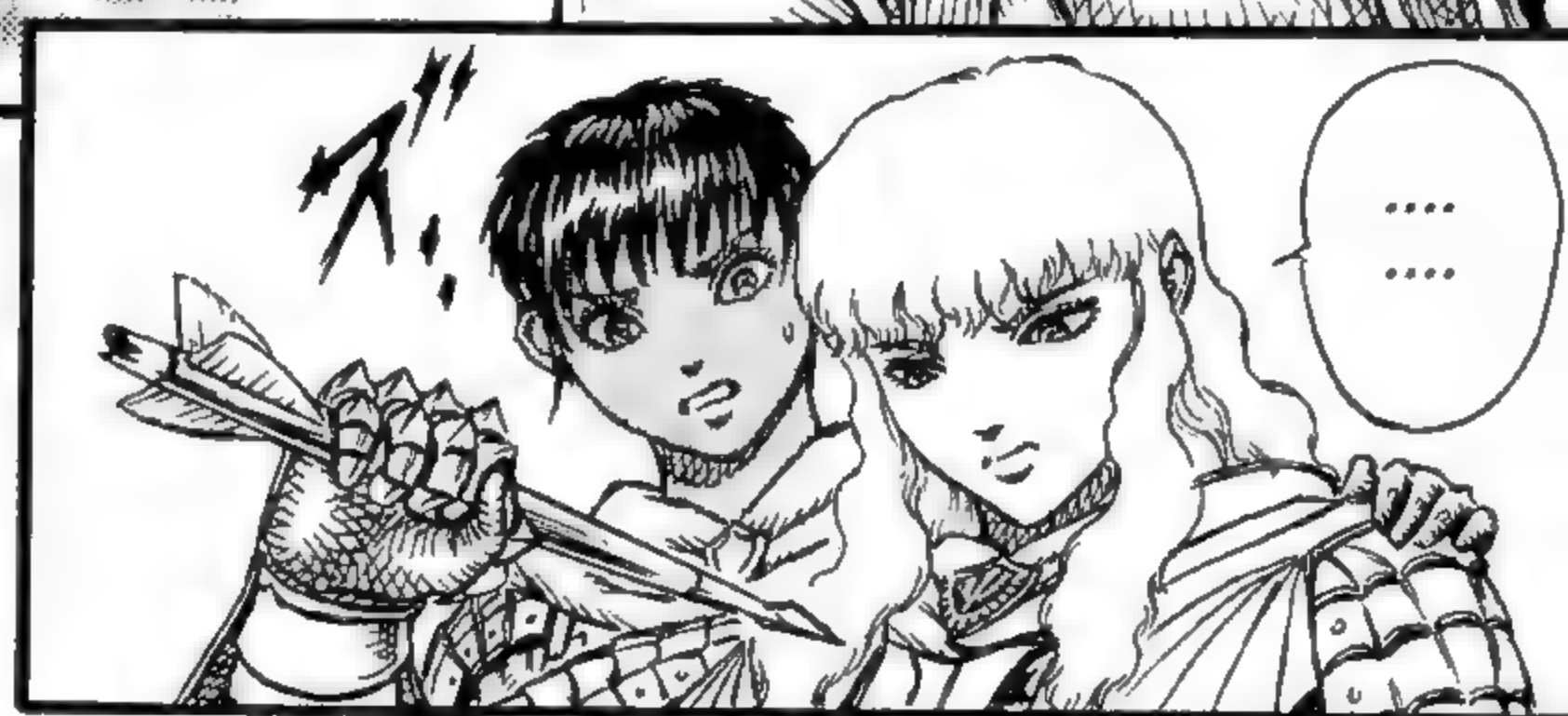


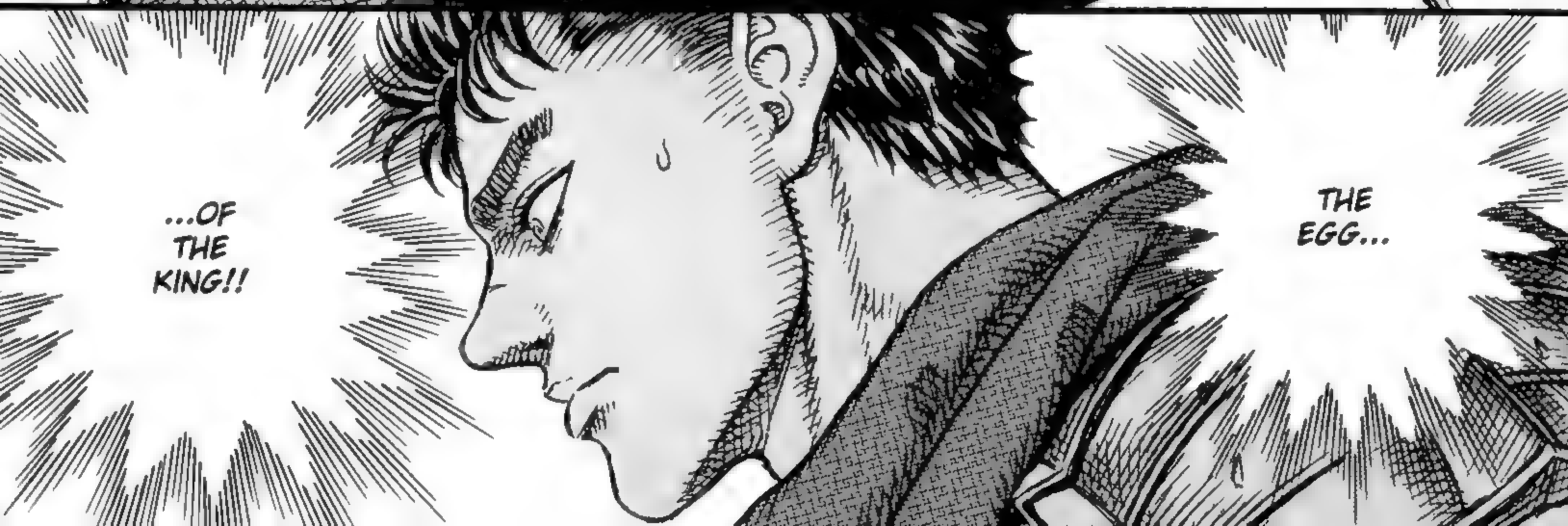


GRIFFITH!



POISON, I'D SAY.







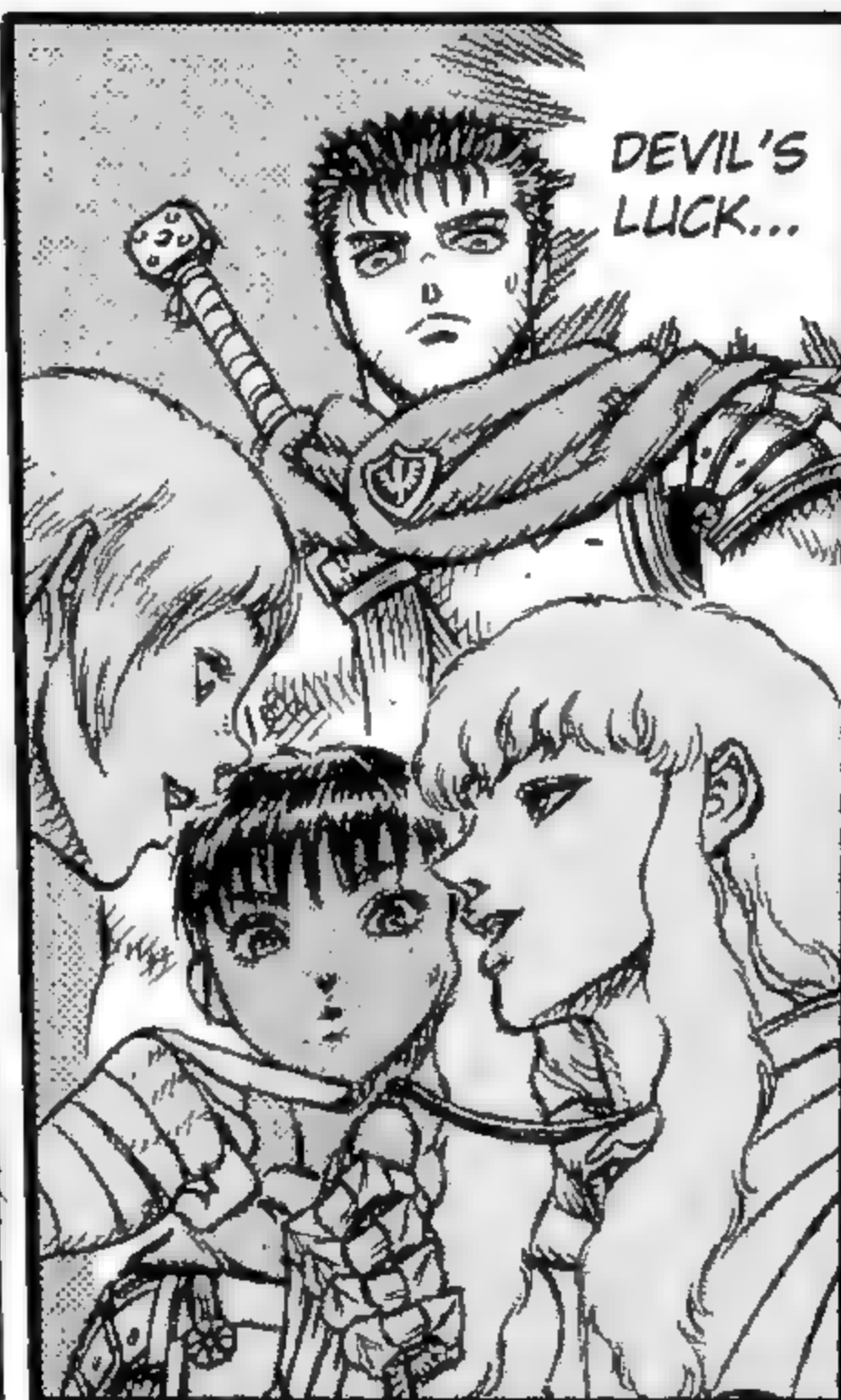
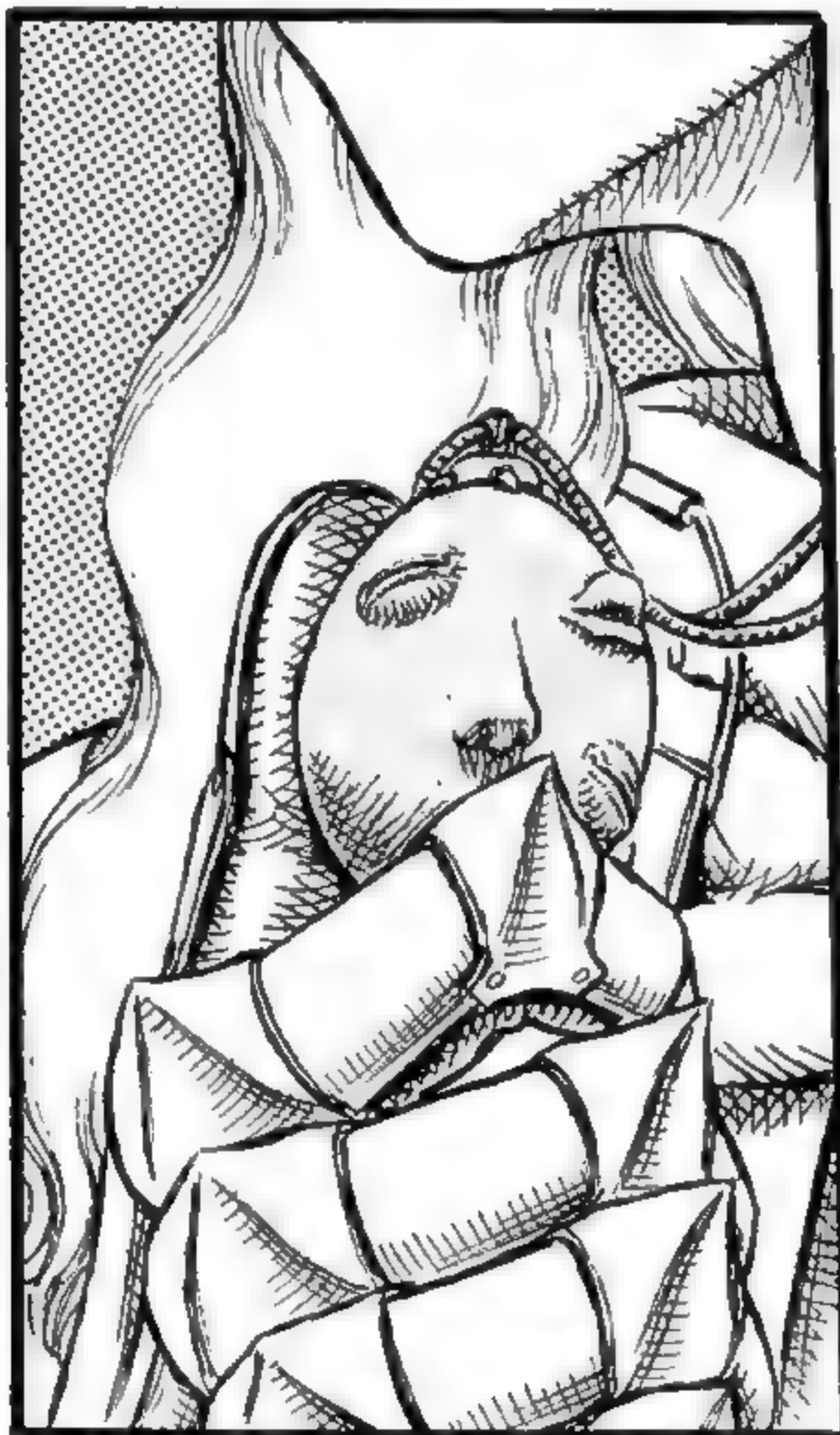
DO
THINGS LIKE
THAT EVEN
HAPPEN?!

GOOD
GRIEF,
THERE'S
NO
WAY!!

A-ARE
YOU
SERIOUS?!

IS
THAT THE
NECKLACE
YOU ALWAYS
WEAR?

IT'S A
MIRACLE!!



DEVIL'S
LUCK...



REALLY...IT'S
LITERALLY
A GOOD
LUCK
CHARM.

THE
DEVIL'S
OWN
LUCK!!



THIS
IS NO
ORDINARY
"LUCK".....

YEAH...



DON'T SAY THAT!!

I'M FINE. IT WAS REALLY NOTHING ...



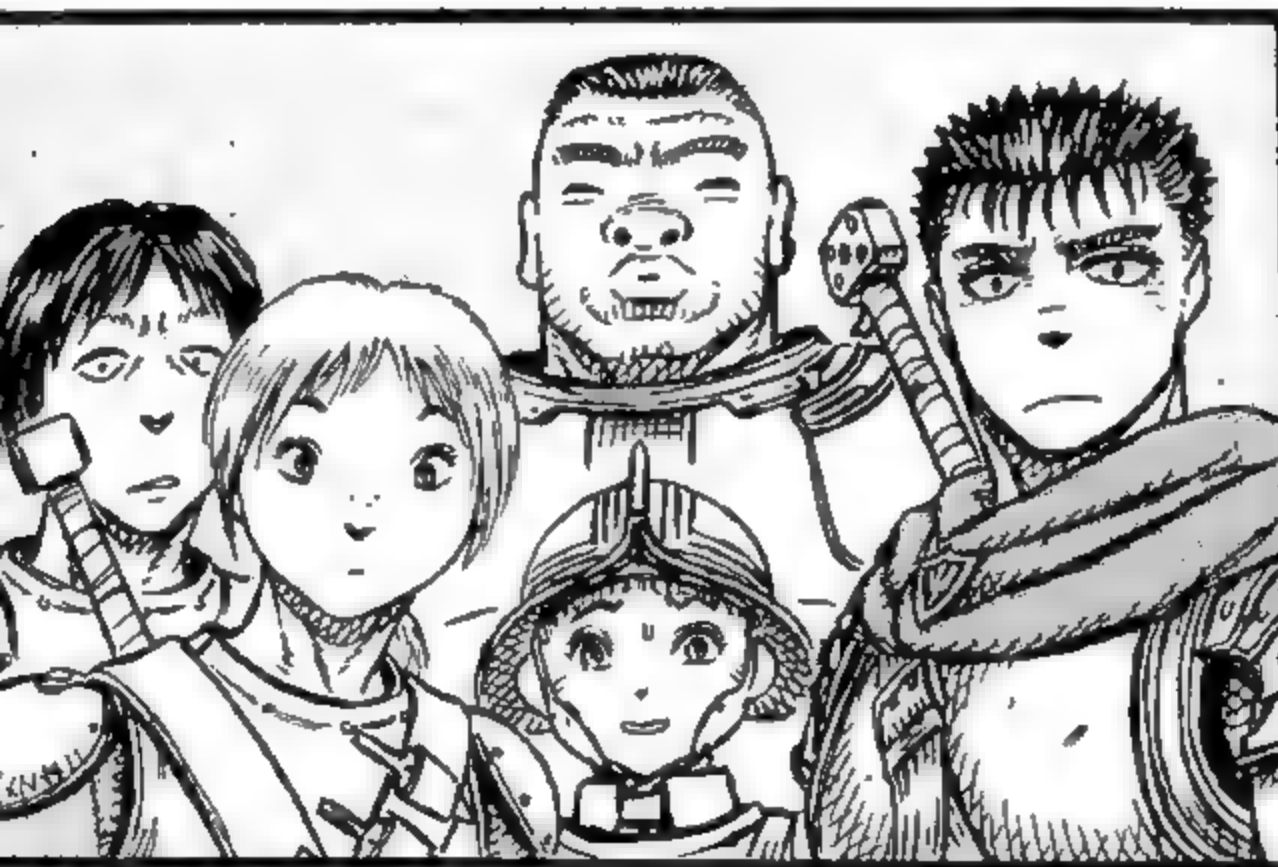
WE HAVE TO SEE WHETHER YOU'RE INJURED...

GRIFFITH, YOU SHOULD TAKE OFF YOUR ARMOR...



FEH!

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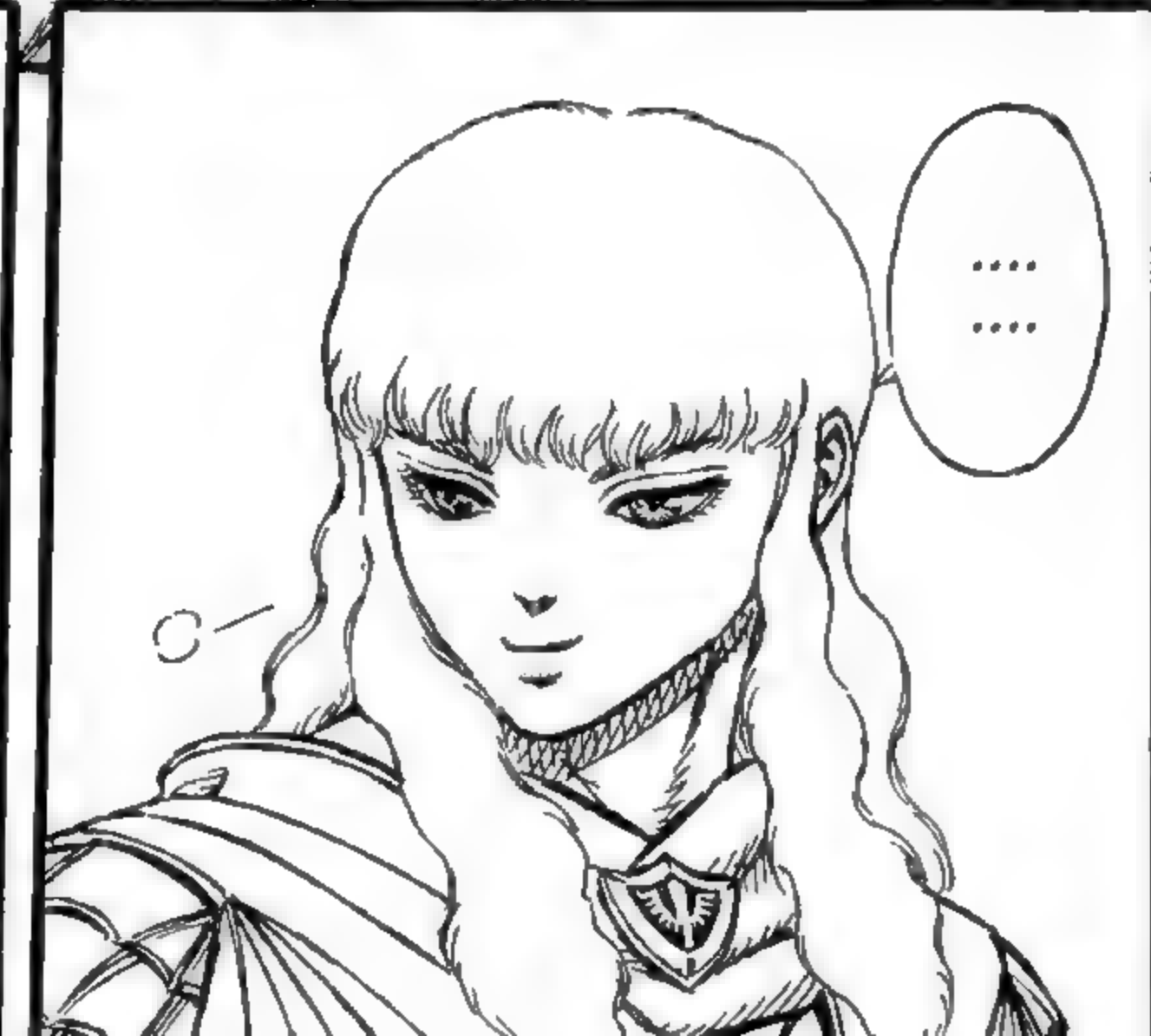
THERE'S A RISK EVEN WITH A SMALL WOUND!!

IT WAS COATED IN POISON, RIGHT?!



BUT ...!!

I'M ALL RIGHT, HONESTLY. IT DIDN'T EVEN GRAZE ME.



....

IF...IF I
HAD BEEN
ABLE TO
HANDLE
A HORSE
MORE
ABLY...

...THIS
WOULD
NOT
HAVE--

I'M
SORRY.....

EX-
CUSE
ME...



....
....

LOWLIFE
BASTARD...
WE'LL KILL
HIM!!

ANYWAY, THOUGH,
WHO DID THIS?!
WHO OUT THERE
WANTS OUR
BOSS DEAD?!

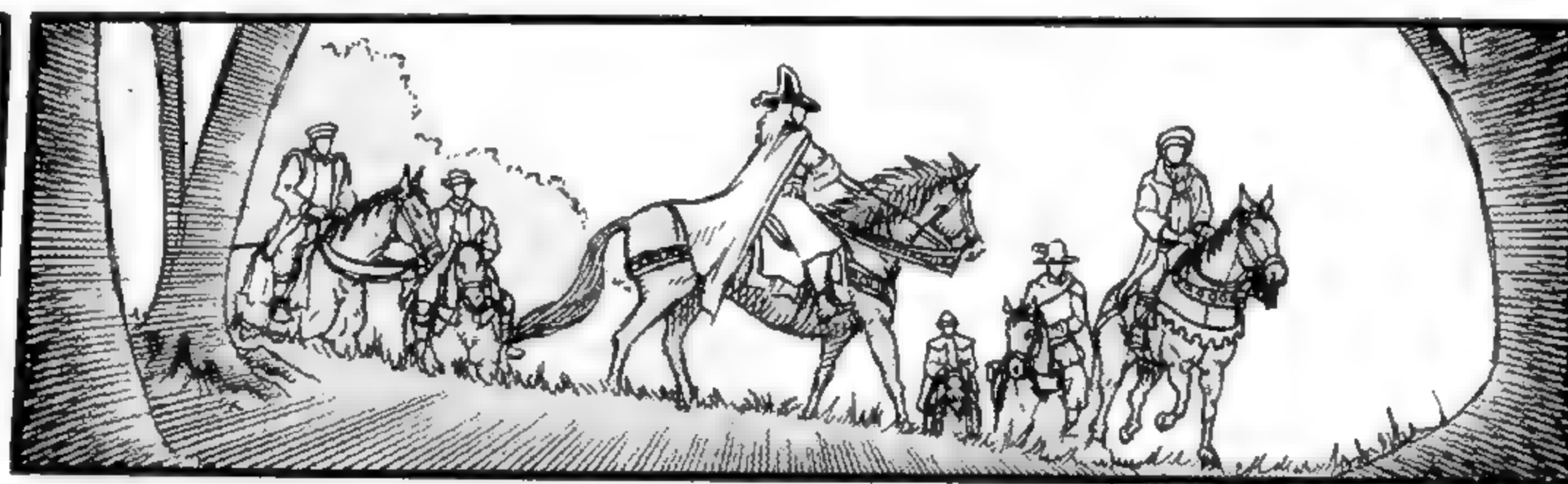
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....

EITHER
WAY,
WE
CAN'T
HAVE
IT!!

WAIT...WHAT
IF THEY
WERE AIMIN'
FOR THE
PRINCESS?

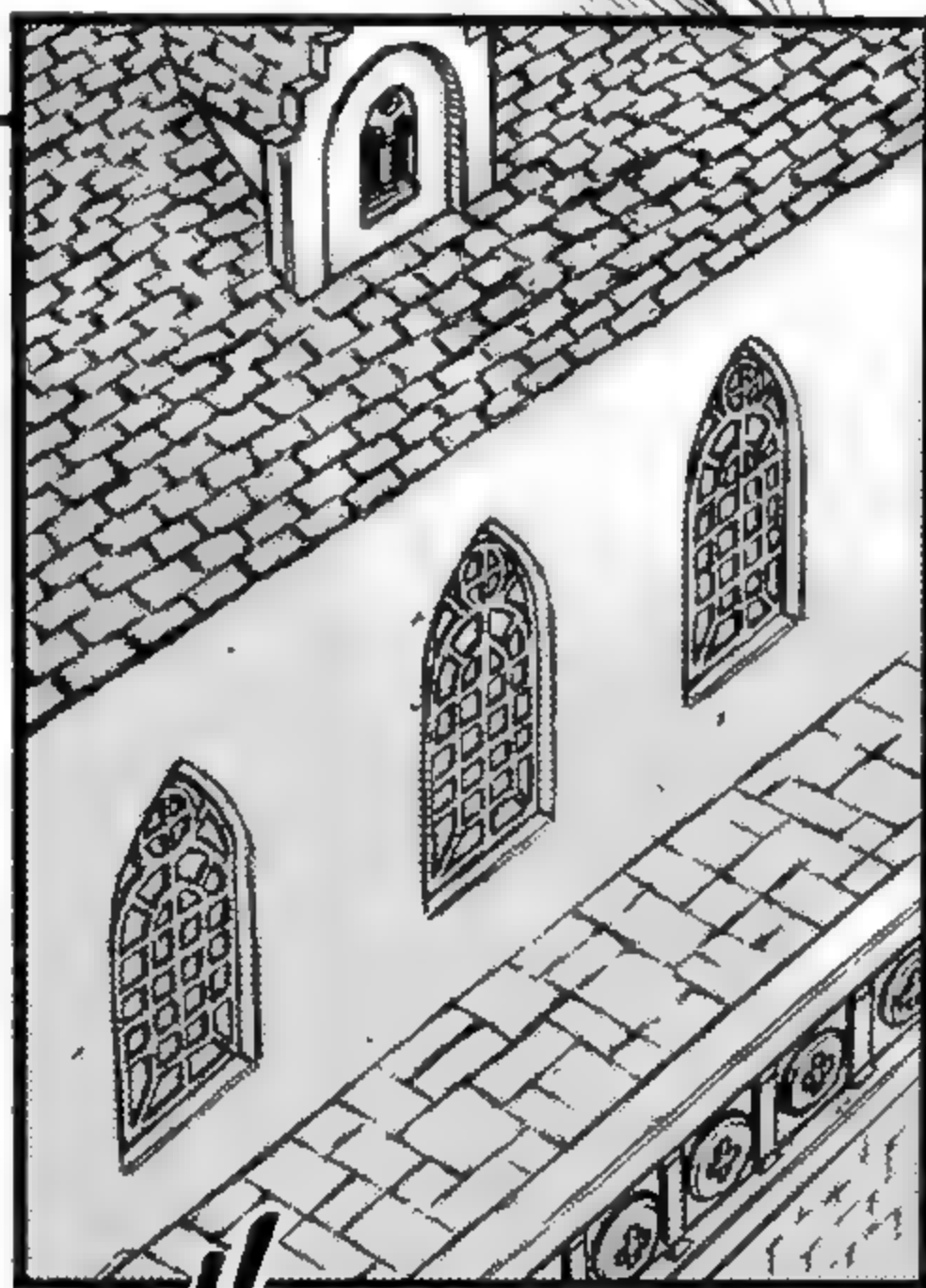


WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?
IT IS OUR
DUTY TO
PROTECT
YOU AS
WELL.

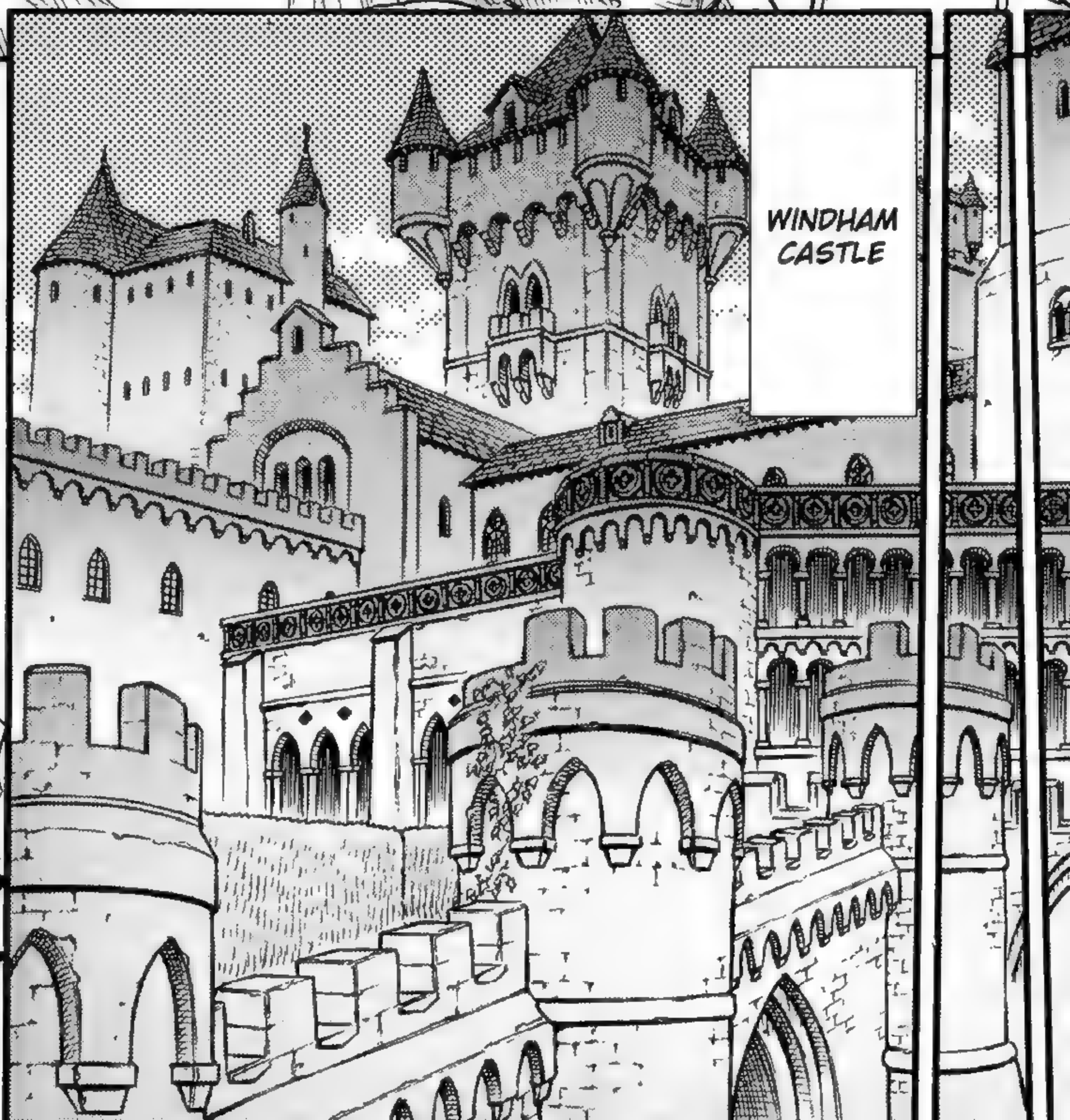




...FOR
THIS
POISON.



THAT WAS
PATHETIC!



WINDHAM
CASTLE

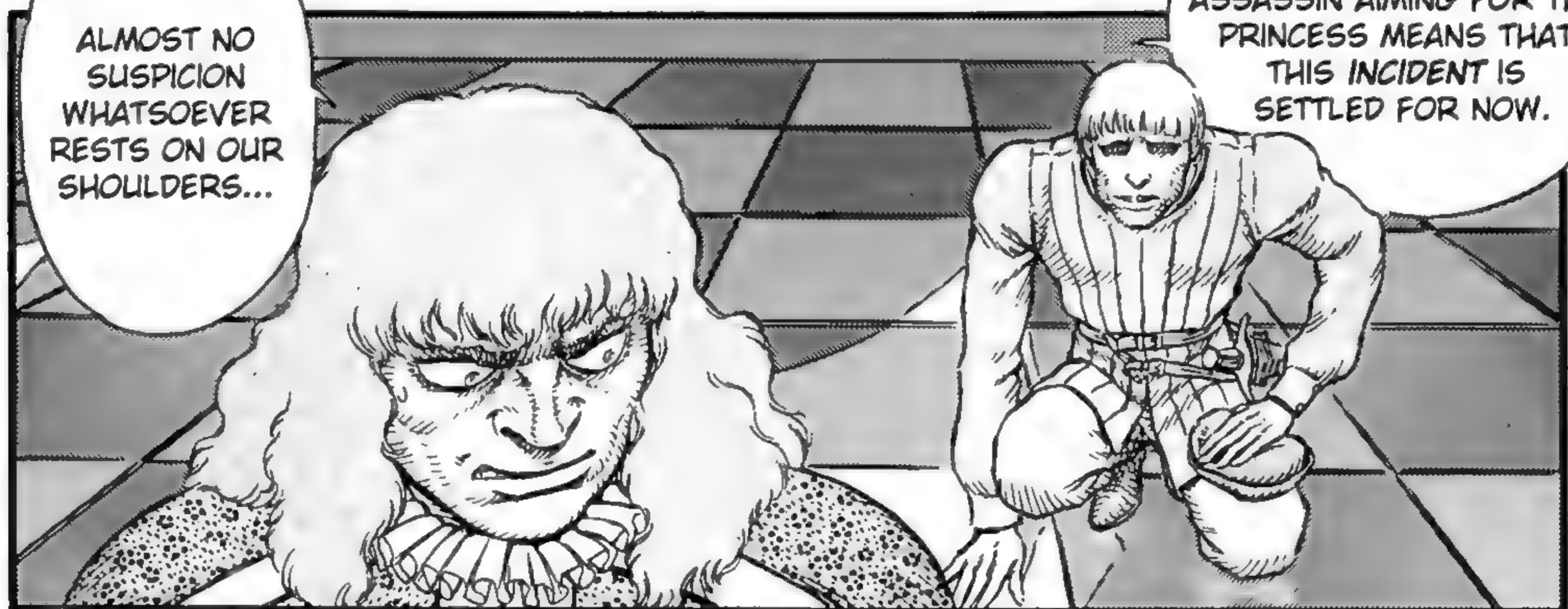


I DON'T
WANT TO
HEAR YOUR
EXCUSES!!

PLEASE,
FORGIVE
ME...

H...
HOW-
EVER...

ALMOST NO
SUSPICION
WHATSOEVER
RESTS ON OUR
SHOULDERS...



THE CONCLUSION
THAT THIS WAS A CHUDER
ASSASSIN AIMING FOR THE
PRINCESS MEANS THAT
THIS INCIDENT IS
SETTLED FOR NOW.



EVEN
THE KING
SEEMS
TERRIBLY
HAPPY!!

THE
COMMONERS
HEARD THE
RUMOR AND
IMMEDIATELY
ENSHRINED THE
BOY AS SOME
HERO...!!



BUT THANKS
TO THIS, WE'VE
GIVEN GRIFFITH
THE MERIT OF
BEING "THE ONE
WHO PROTECTED
THE PRINCESS
WITH HIS OWN
BODY!"



IT'S THE
PINNACLE
OF
INEPTITUDE!!

WE'VE
EFFECTIVELY
HELPED HIM
ADVANCE
EVEN
FURTHER!!



....
...!!



...WHAT AN
AMAZING
COINCIDENCE
IT MADE TO
PIERCE HIS
HEART...

B...BUT IF
THE ARROW
WAS MEANT
FOR THE
PRIN-
CESS...



THE IMPORTANT
THING IS,
DESPITE THAT,
HE'S STILL
ALIVE!!

THEN DO YOU
SUGGEST THAT I
GO BEFORE HIS
MAJESTY AND INFORM
HIM THAT YOU AIMED
IT AT GRIFFITH?!

ENOUGH!
BE-
GONE!!

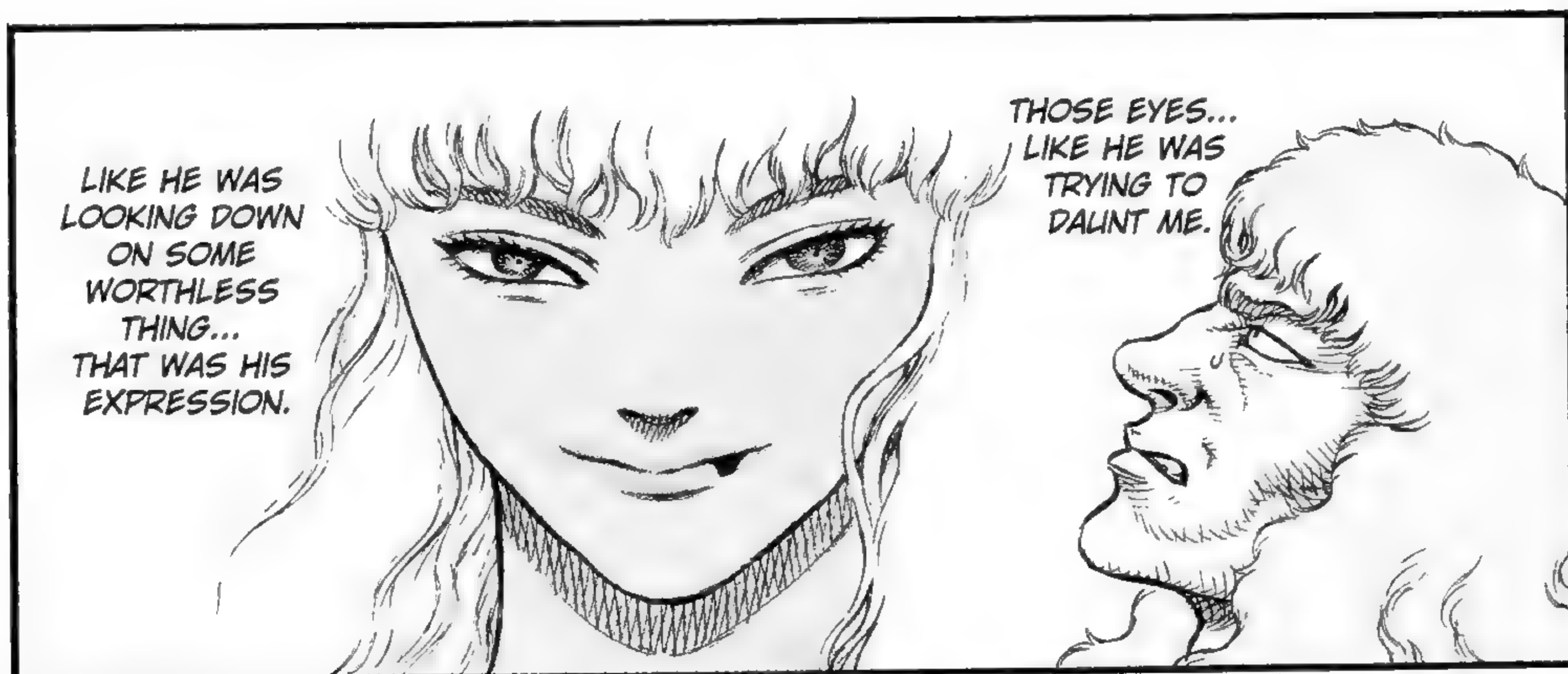
BUT...IT
WAS HIGHLY
UNLIKELY
SUCH A THING
WOULD--



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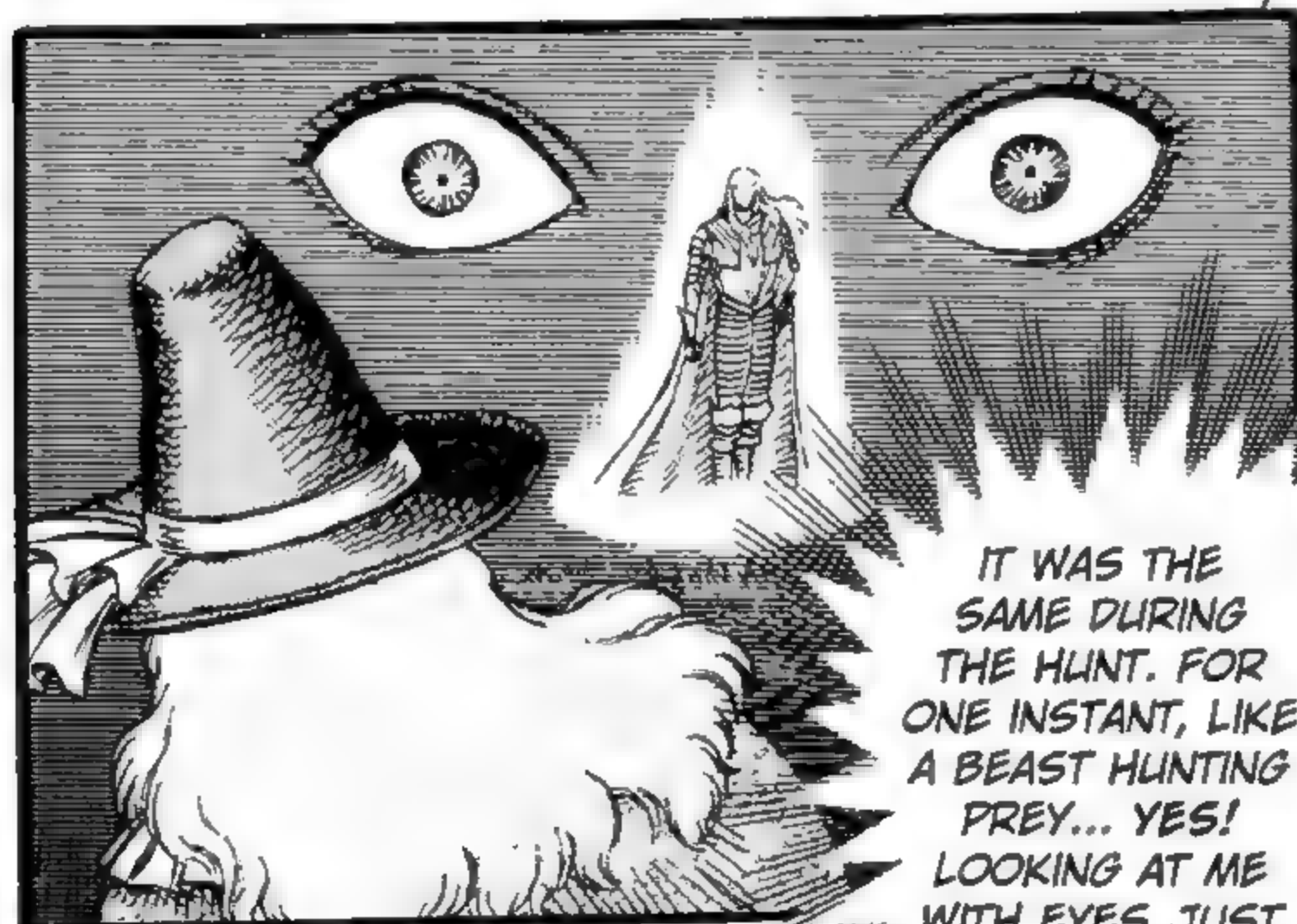


CH!



LIKE HE WAS
LOOKING DOWN
ON SOME
WORTHLESS
THING...
THAT WAS HIS
EXPRESSION.

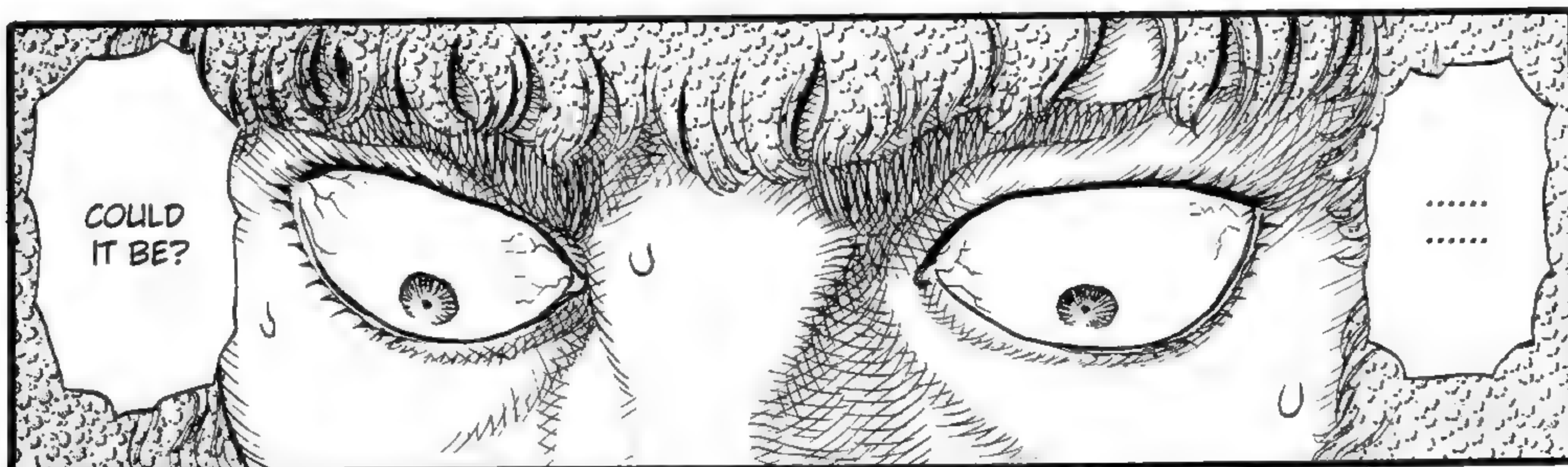
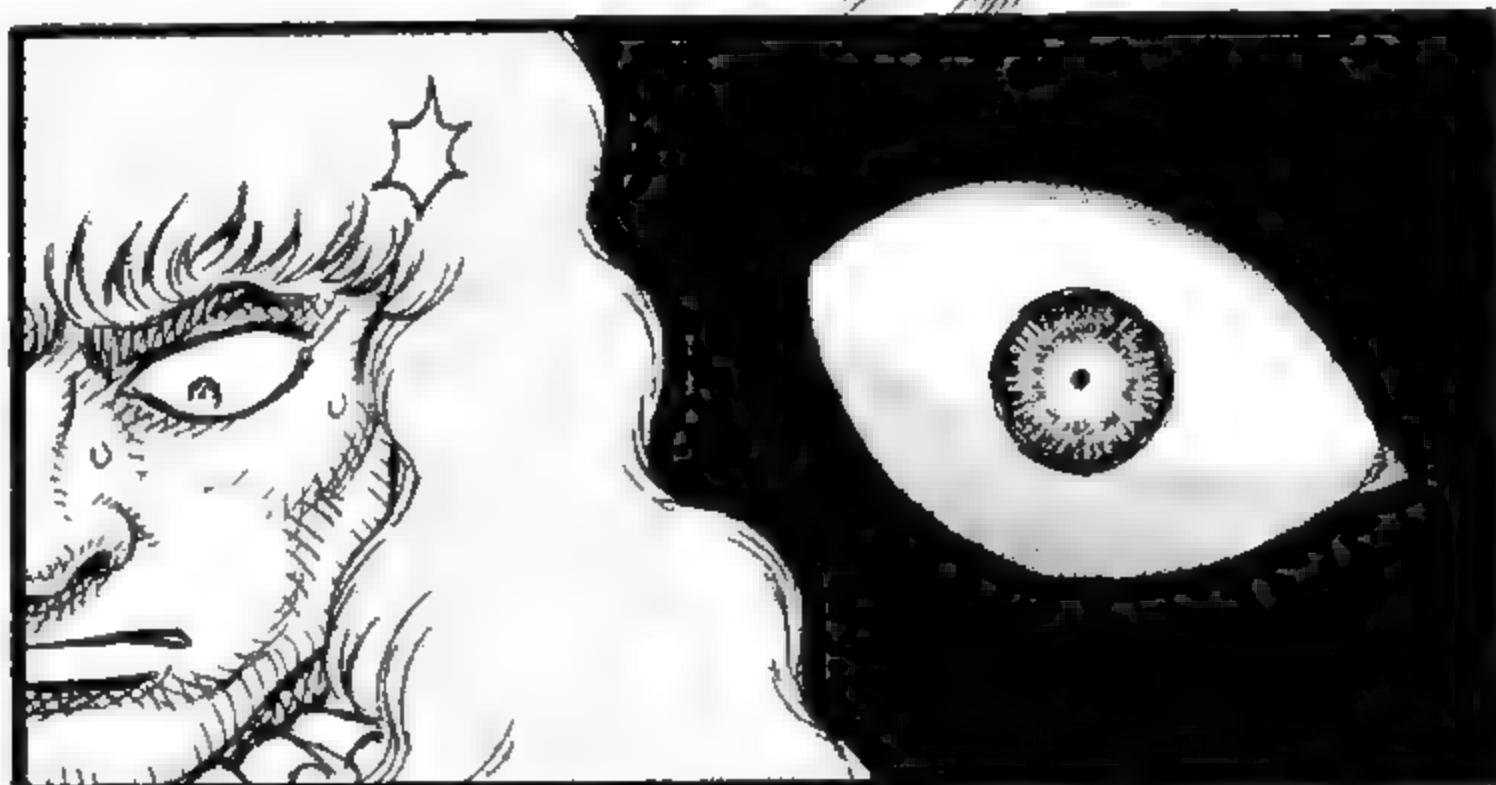
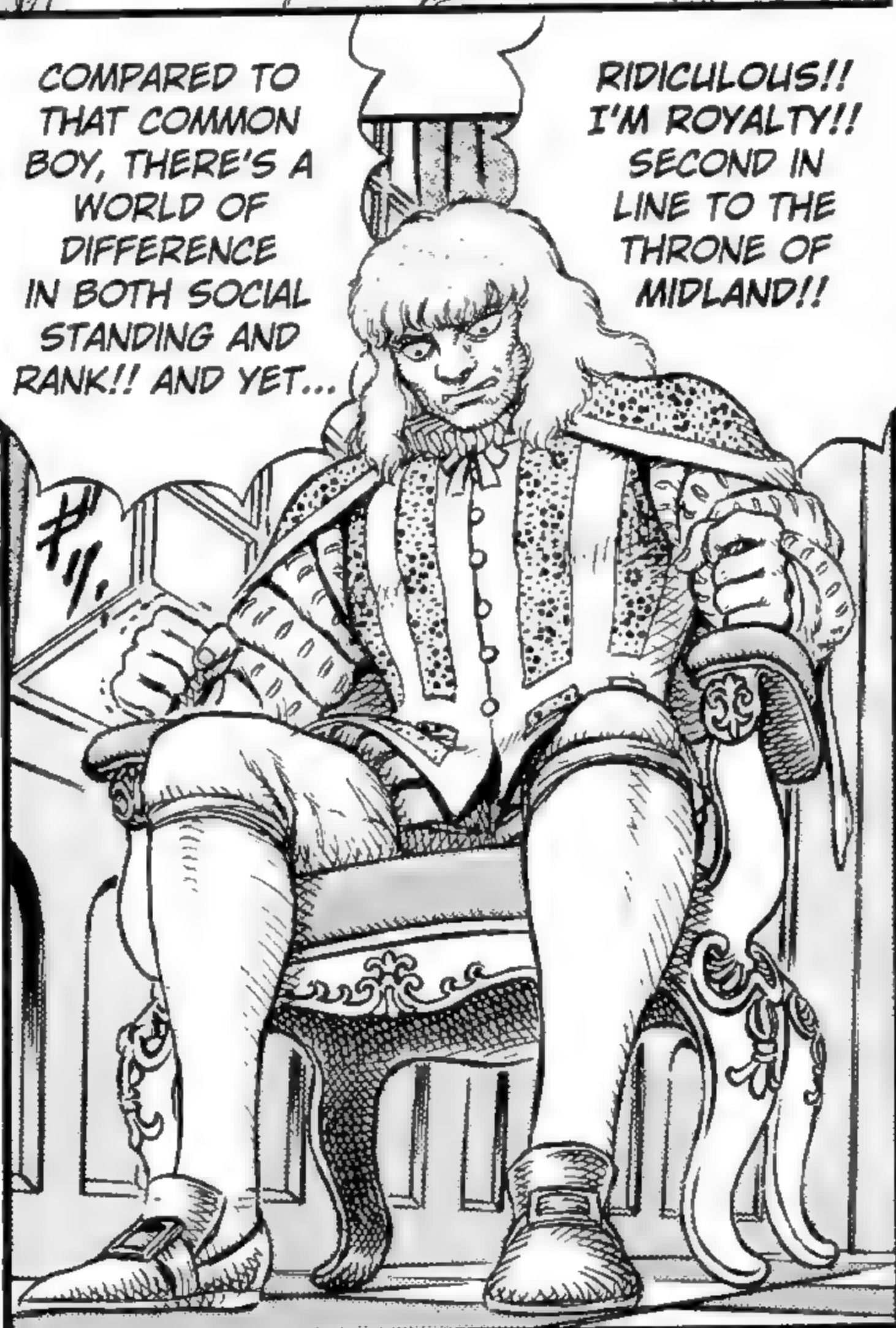
THOSE EYES...
LIKE HE WAS
TRYING TO
DAILNT ME.



IT WAS THE
SAME DURING
THE HUNT. FOR
ONE INSTANT, LIKE
A BEAST HUNTING
PREY... YES!
LOOKING AT ME
WITH EYES JUST
LIKE A HAWK'S...!!

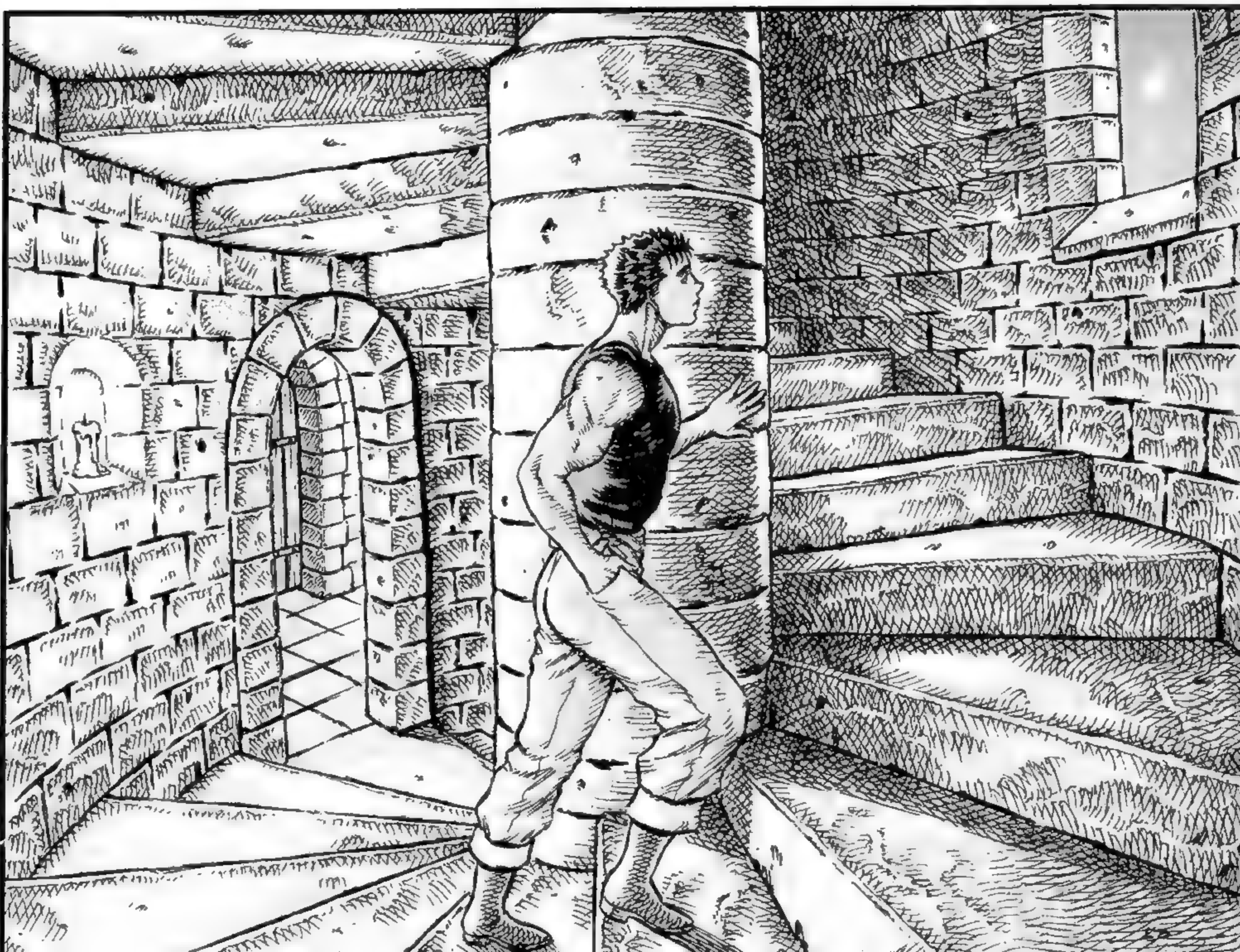
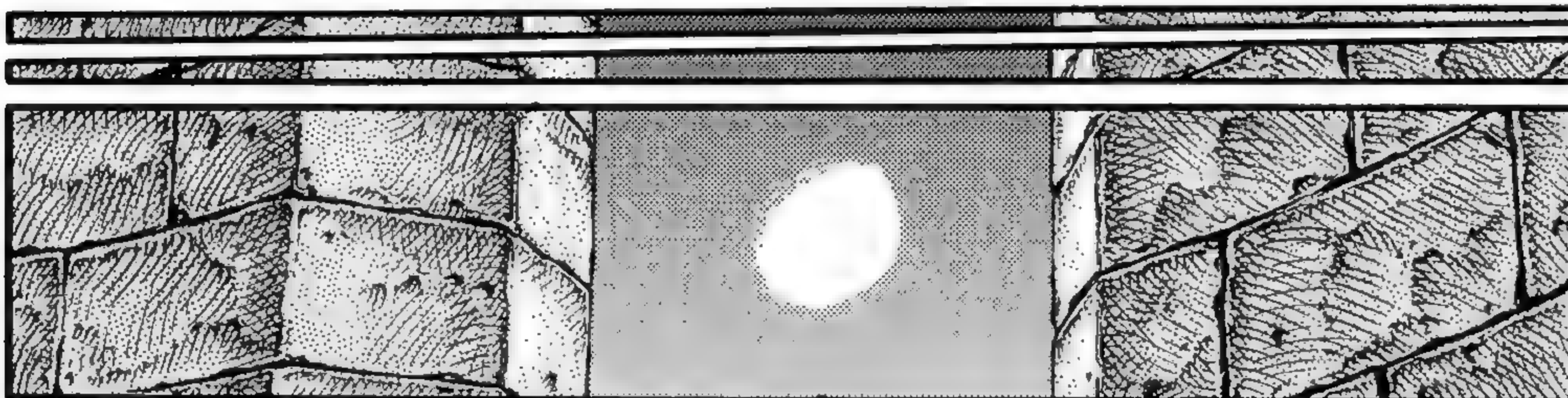
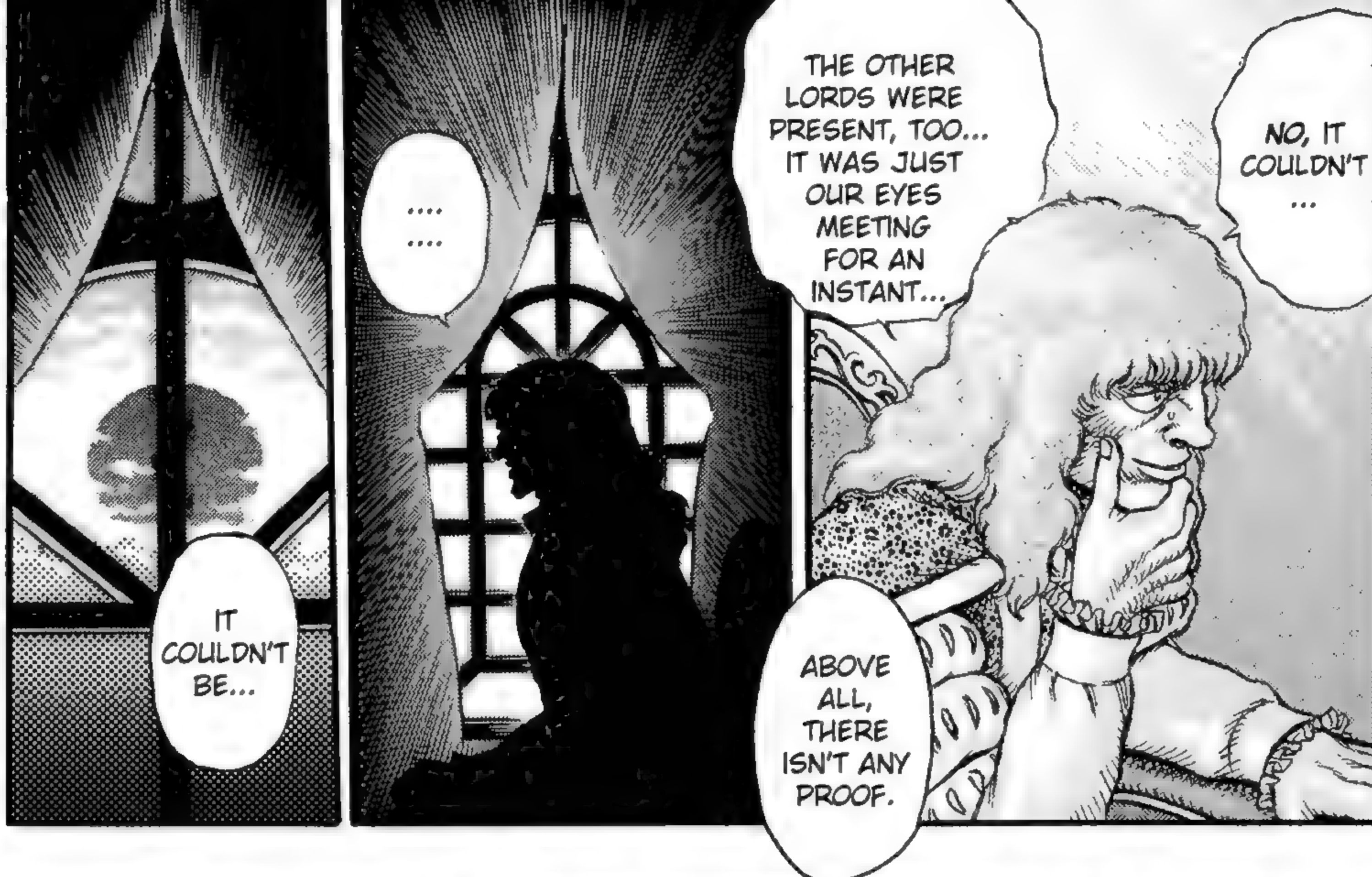
COMPARED TO
THAT COMMON
BOY, THERE'S A
WORLD OF
DIFFERENCE
IN BOTH SOCIAL
STANDING AND
RANK!! AND YET...

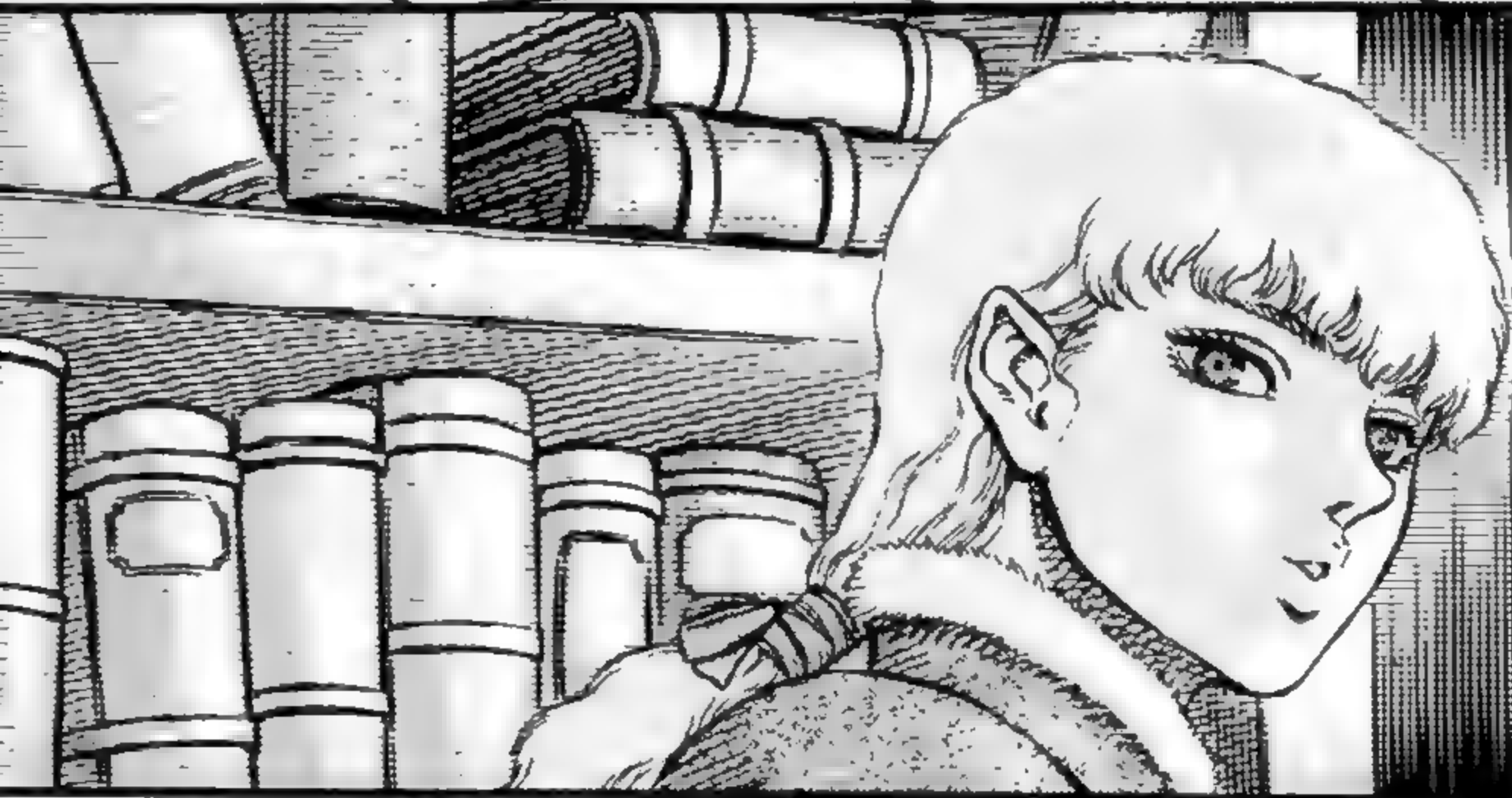
RIDICULOUS!!
I'M ROYALTY!!
SECOND IN
LINE TO THE
THRONE OF
MIDLAND!!

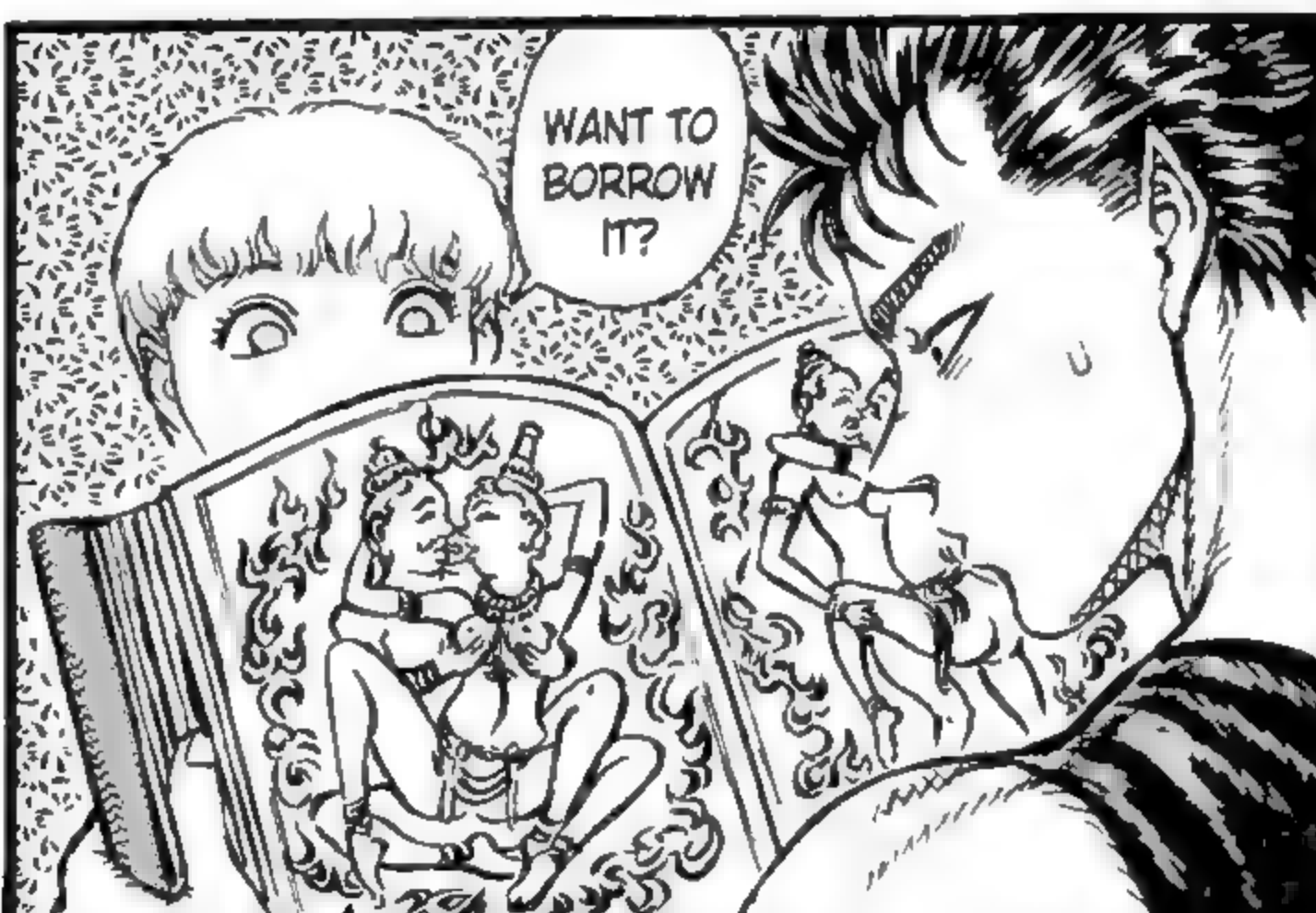
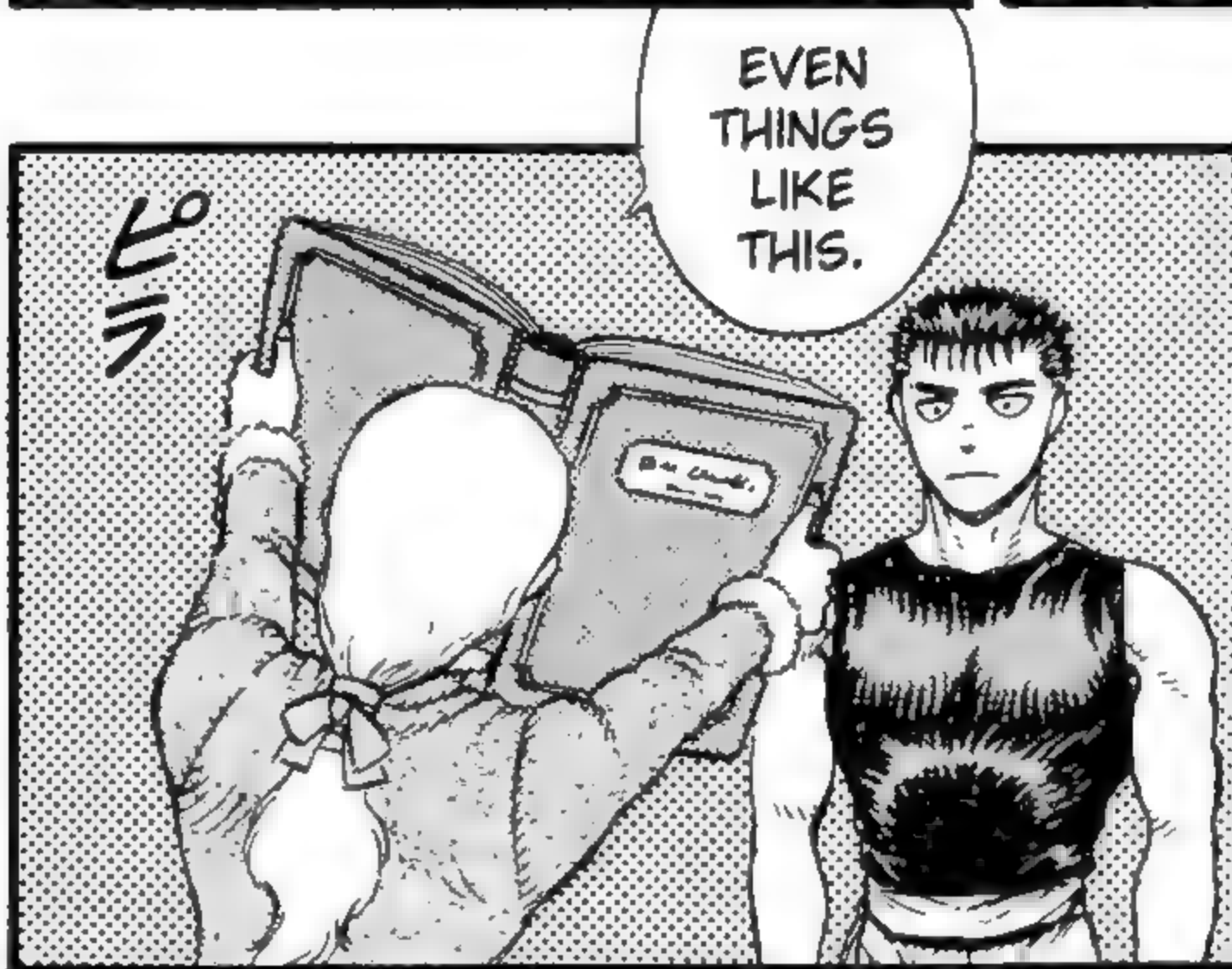
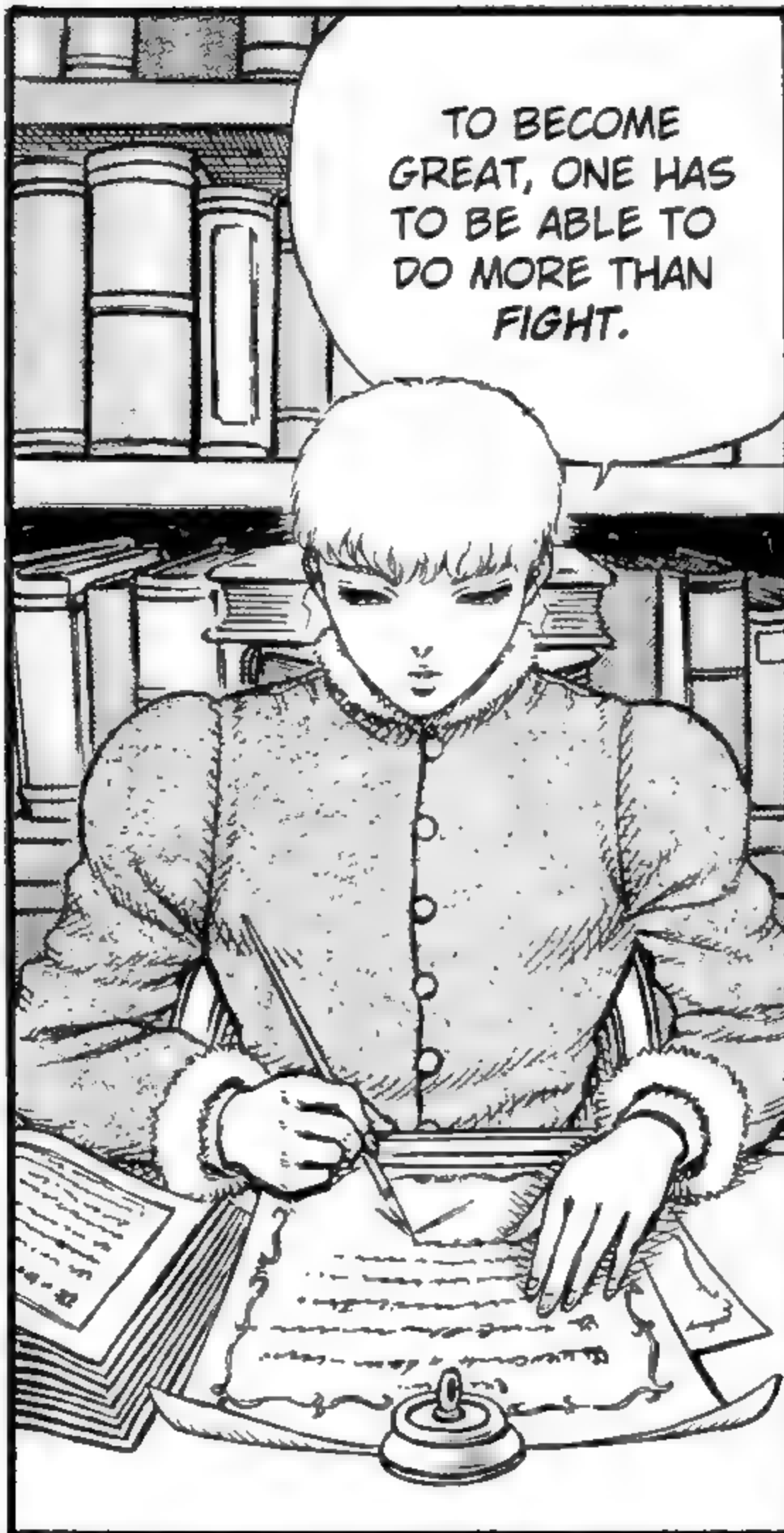


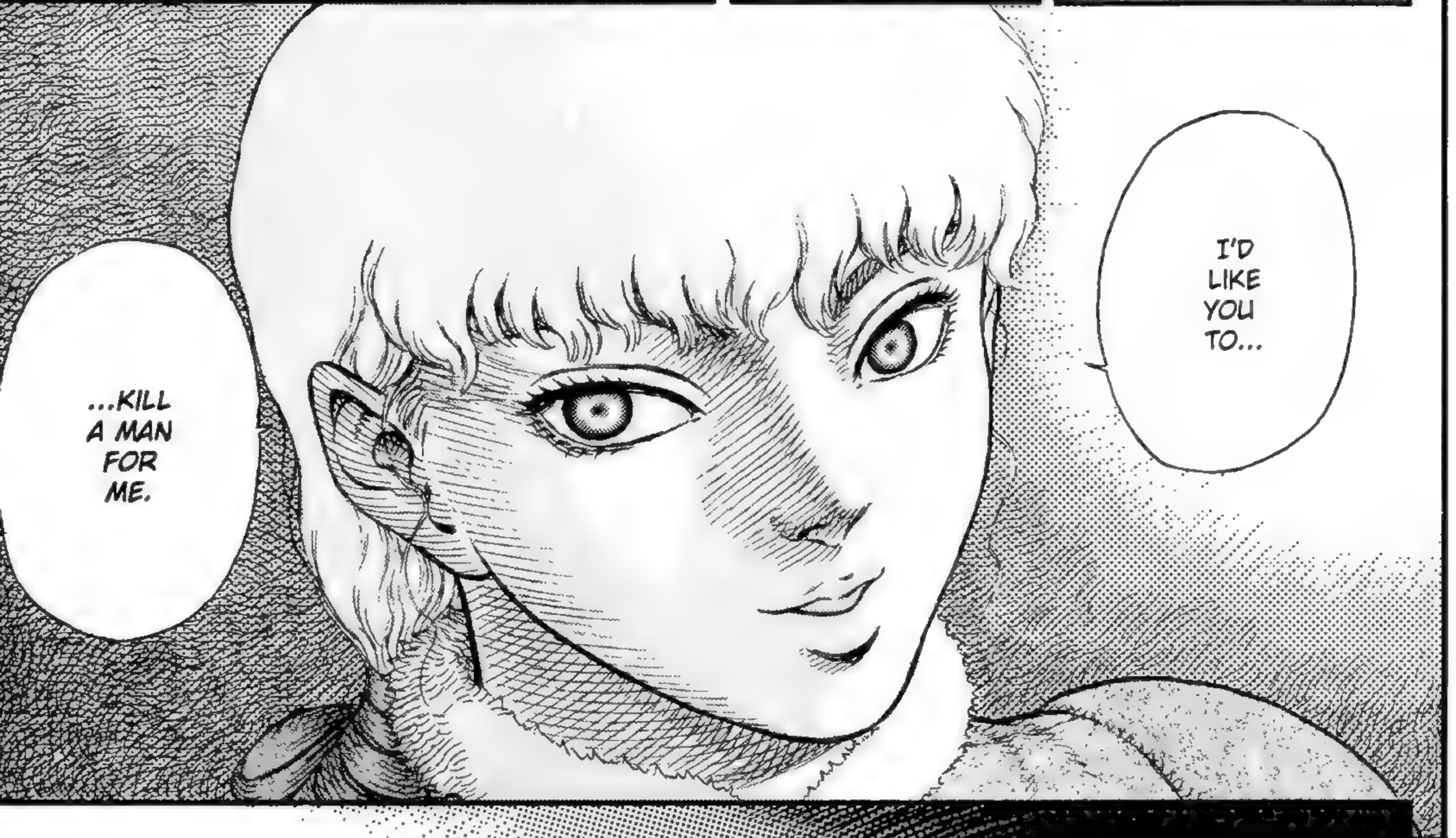
COULD
IT BE?

.....
.....



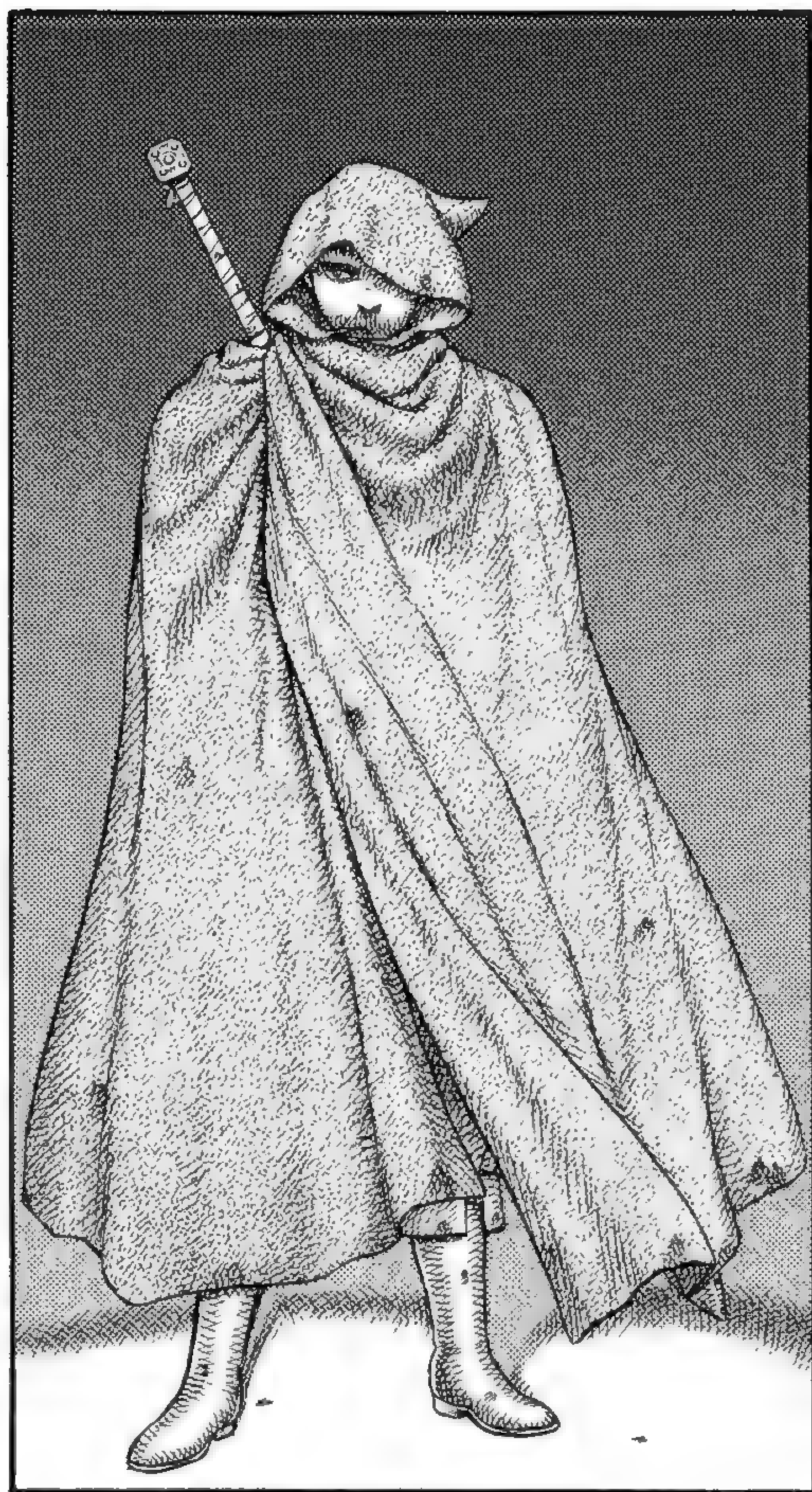






ASSASSIN (2): END





ALTELLA

暗殺者(3)

ASSASSIN
CHAPTER 3

JULIUS
MANOR





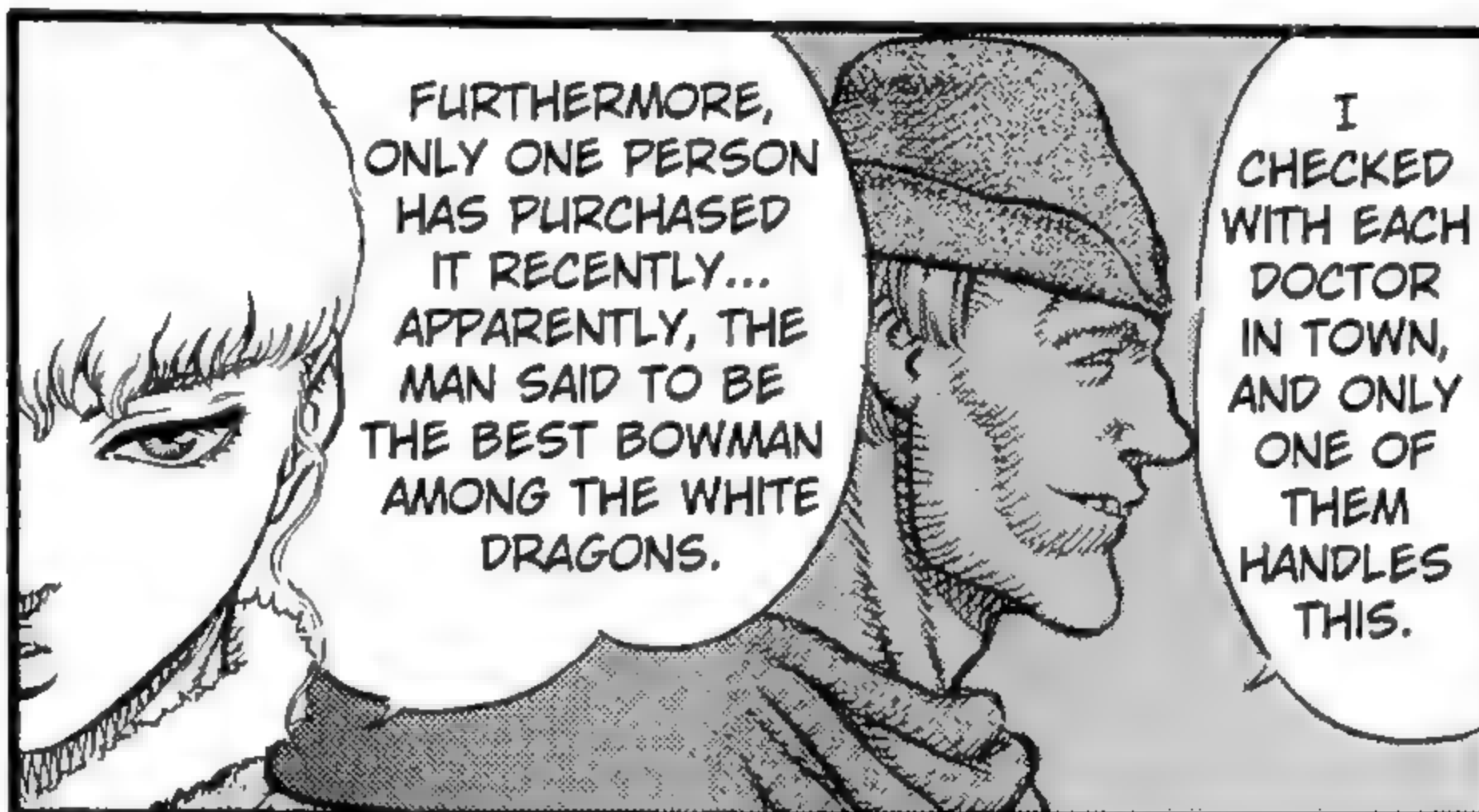


"I PAID
OFF ONE OF
THE MAIDS TO
INVESTIGATE
HIM."

"THIS EVENING,
SHE HAPPENED TO
SEE HIM COMING
OUT OF COUNT
JULIUS' OFFICE
LOOKING LIKE HE'D
BEEN SEVERELY
BERATED."

AN ORDINARY
PERSON
WOULD NEVER
TYPICALLY
POSSESS IT...
AS POISONS GO,
IT'S HIGHLY
DEADLY.

THIS
ARROW'S
COATED
WITH AN
EXTRACT
OF THE
CALABAL
BEAN.



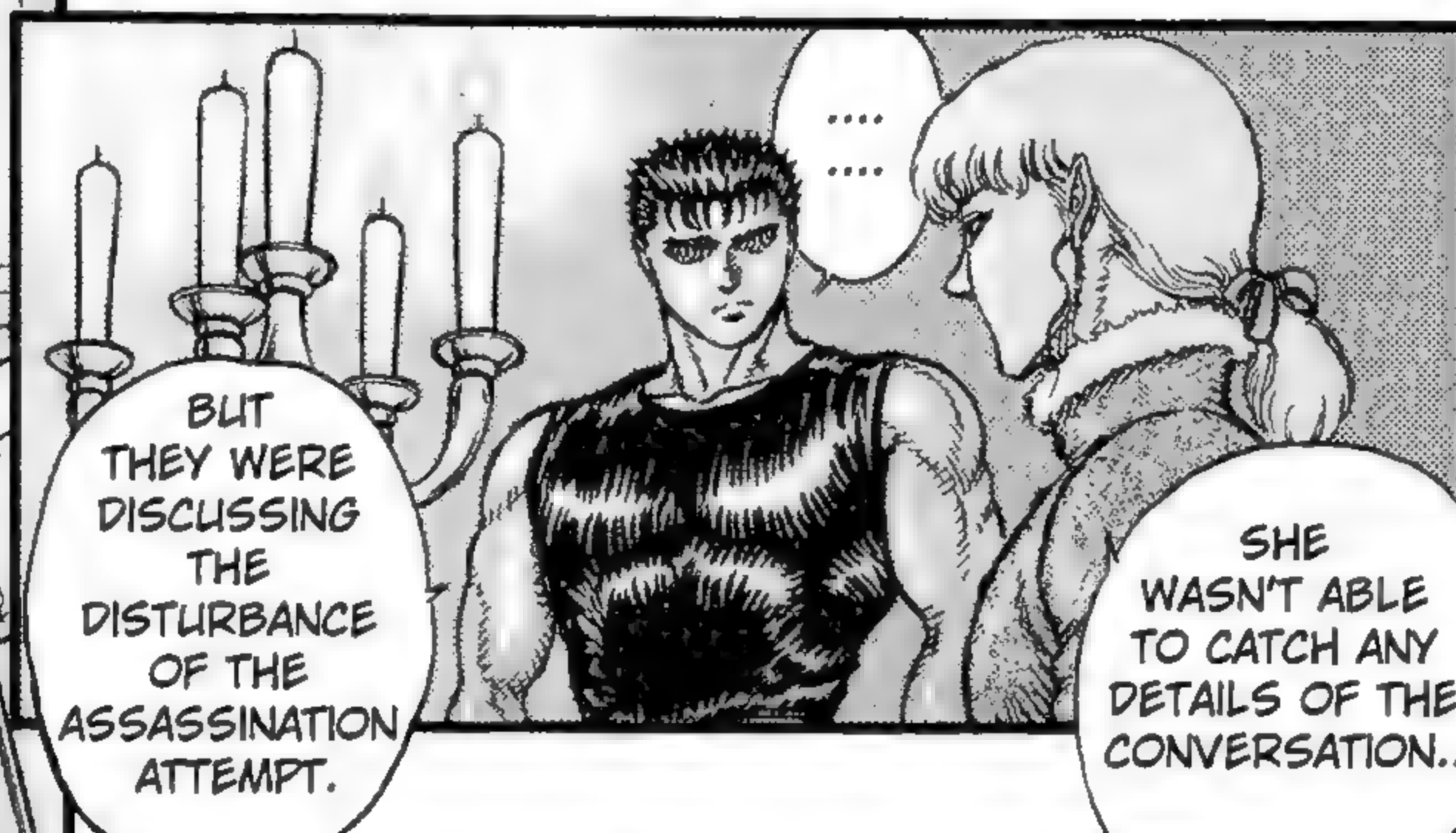
FURTHERMORE,
ONLY ONE PERSON
HAS PURCHASED
IT RECENTLY...
APPARENTLY, THE
MAN SAID TO BE
THE BEST BOWMAN
AMONG THE WHITE
DRAGONS.

I
CHECKED
WITH EACH
DOCTOR
IN TOWN,
AND ONLY
ONE OF
THEM
HANDLES
THIS.



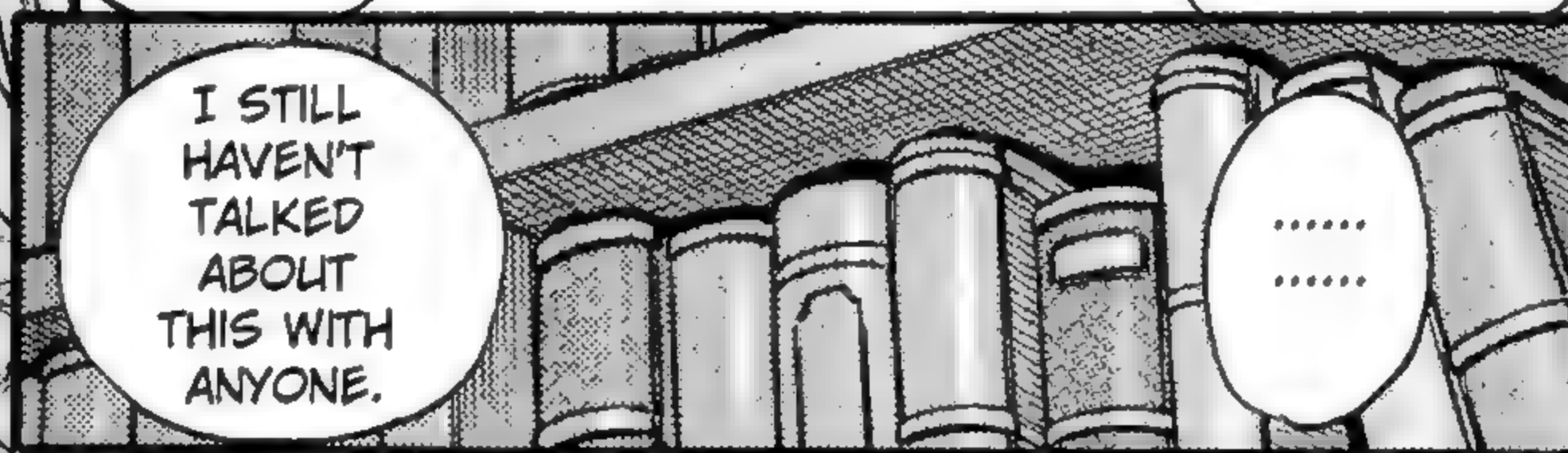
...IT'S
FOR
THOSE
REASONS
...

...THAT
I'M
ASKING
YOU
TO DO
THIS.



BUT
THEY WERE
DISCUSSING
THE
DISTURBANCE
OF THE
ASSASSINATION
ATTEMPT.

SHE
WASN'T ABLE
TO CATCH ANY
DETAILS OF THE
CONVERSATION...



I STILL
HAVEN'T
TALKED
ABOUT
THIS WITH
ANYONE.

.....
.....

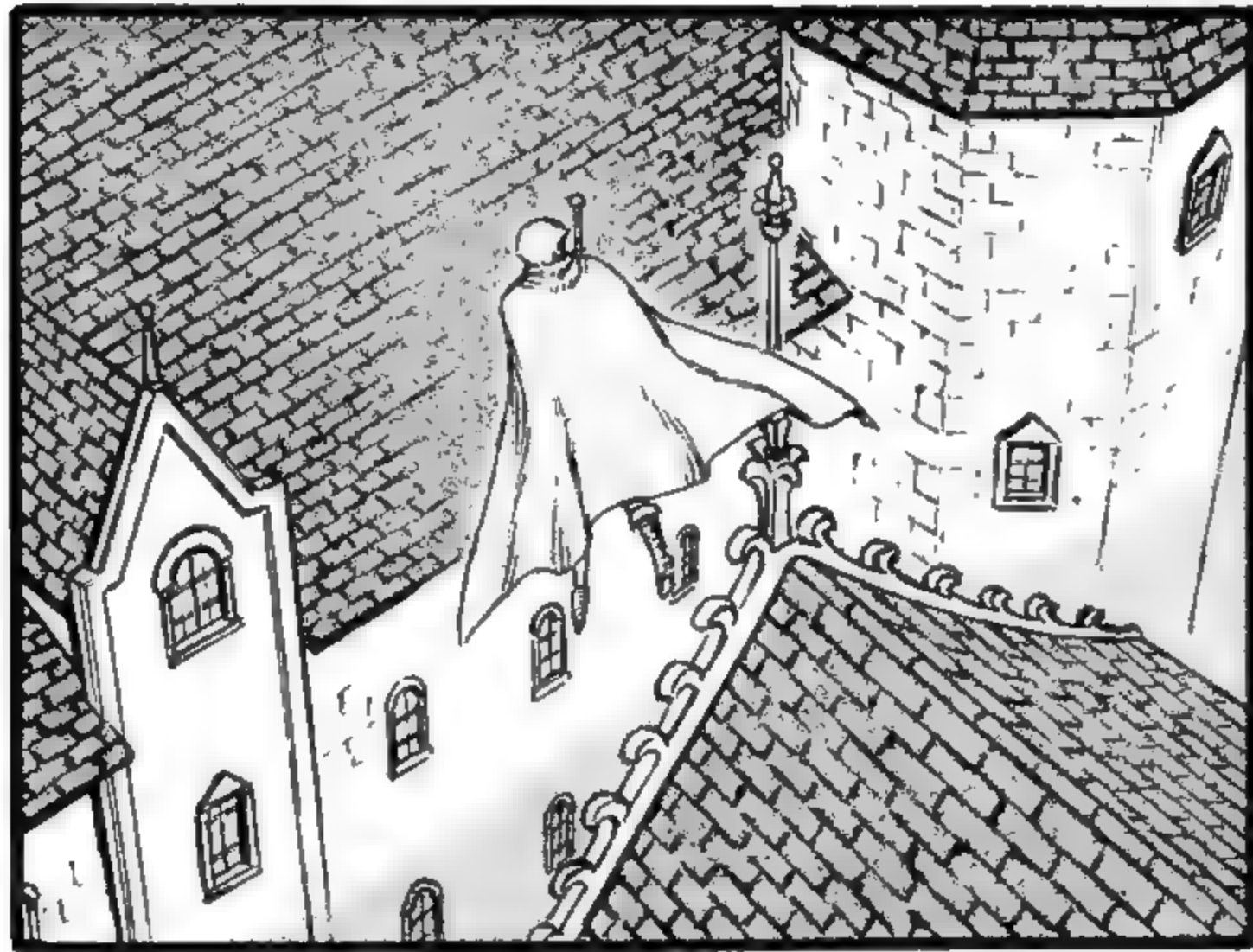


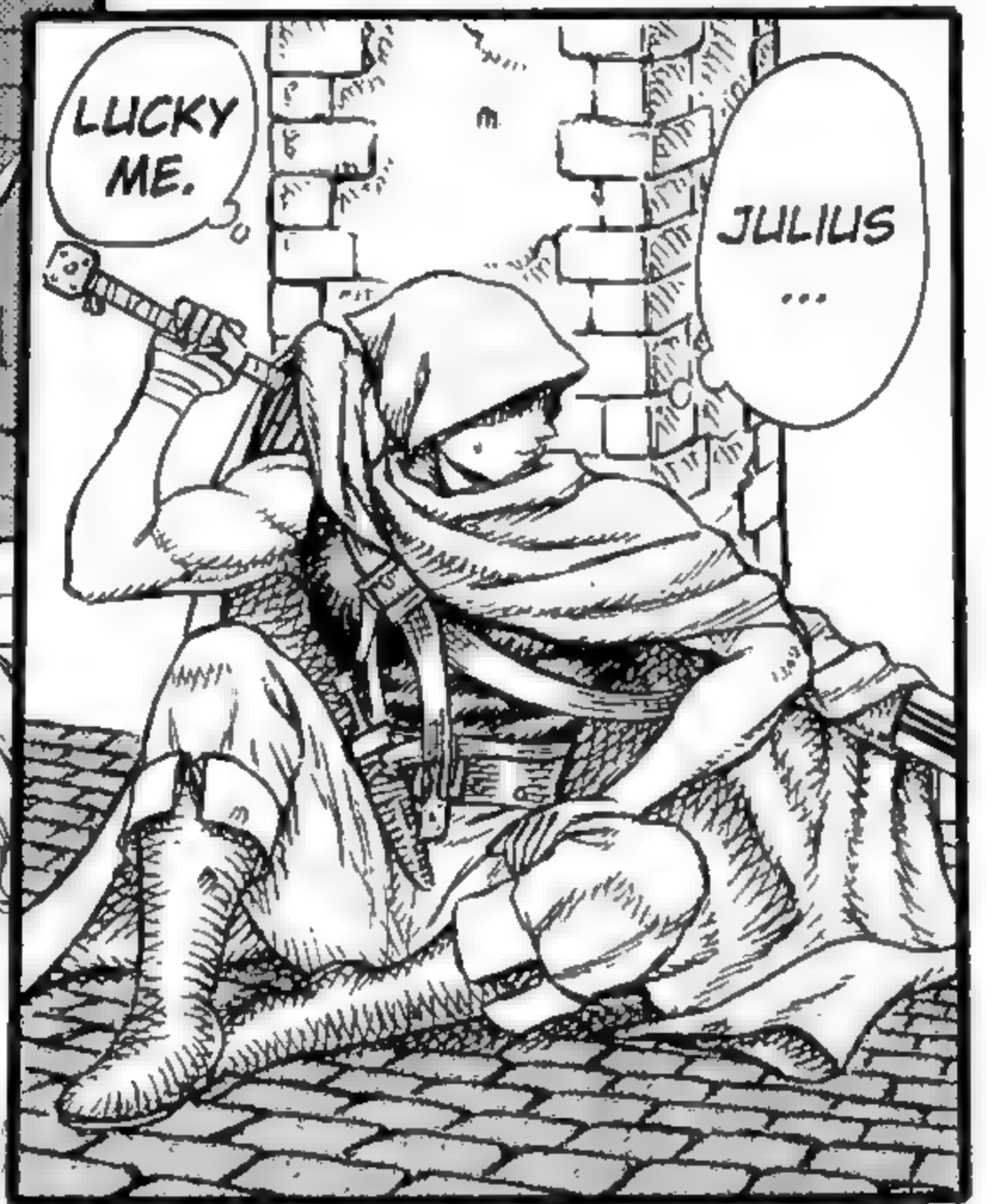
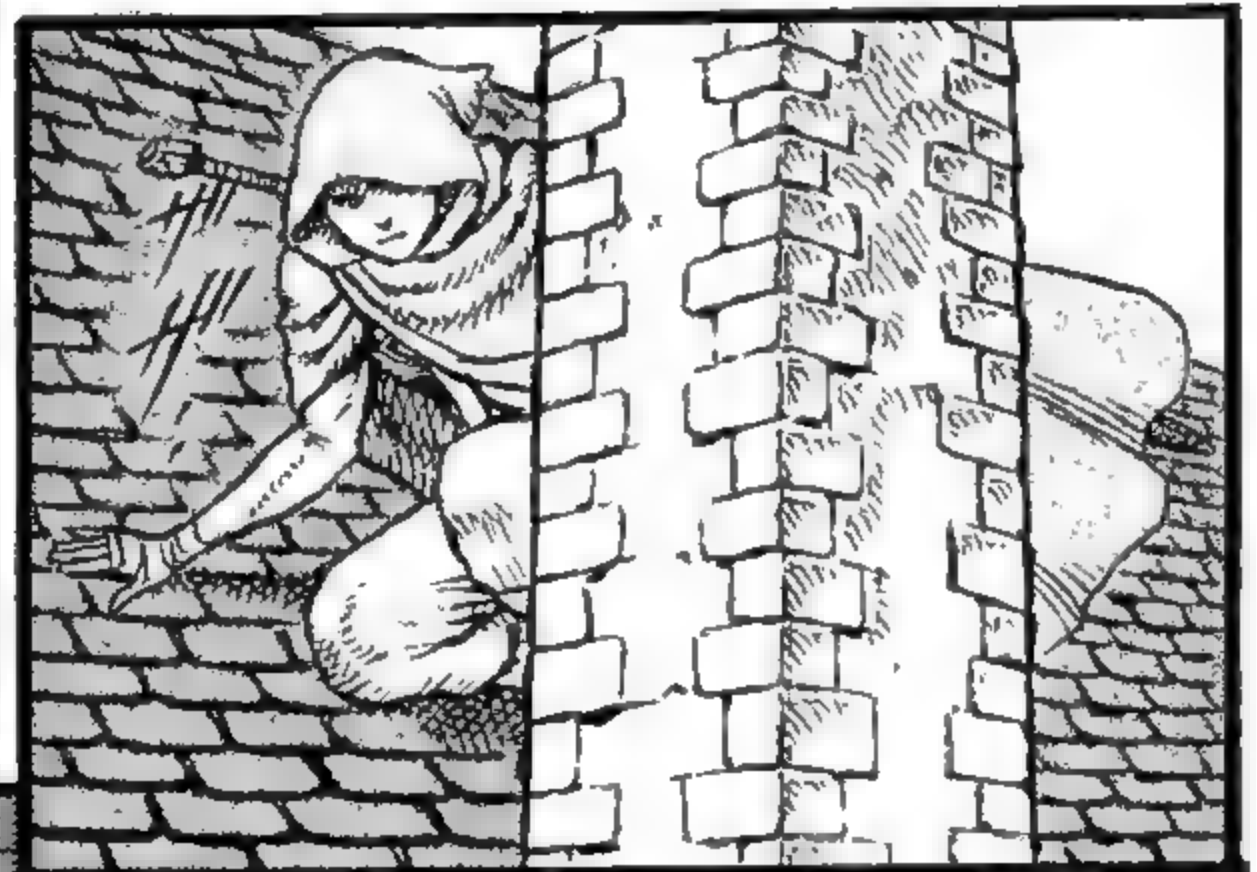
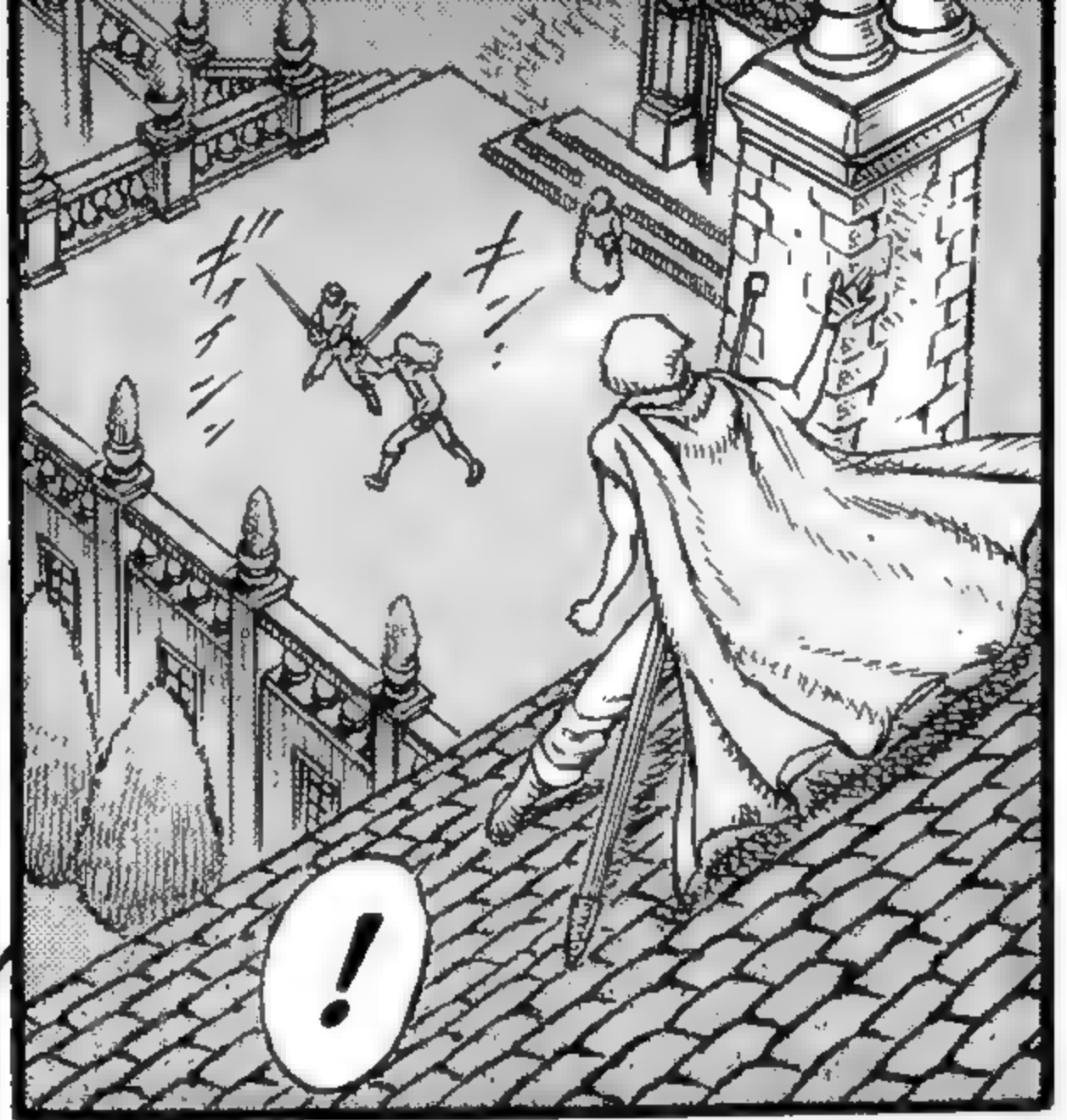
IT'S
FUNDAMENTALLY
DIFFERENT FROM
CROSSING
SWORDS WITH
AN ENEMY
IN BATTLE.

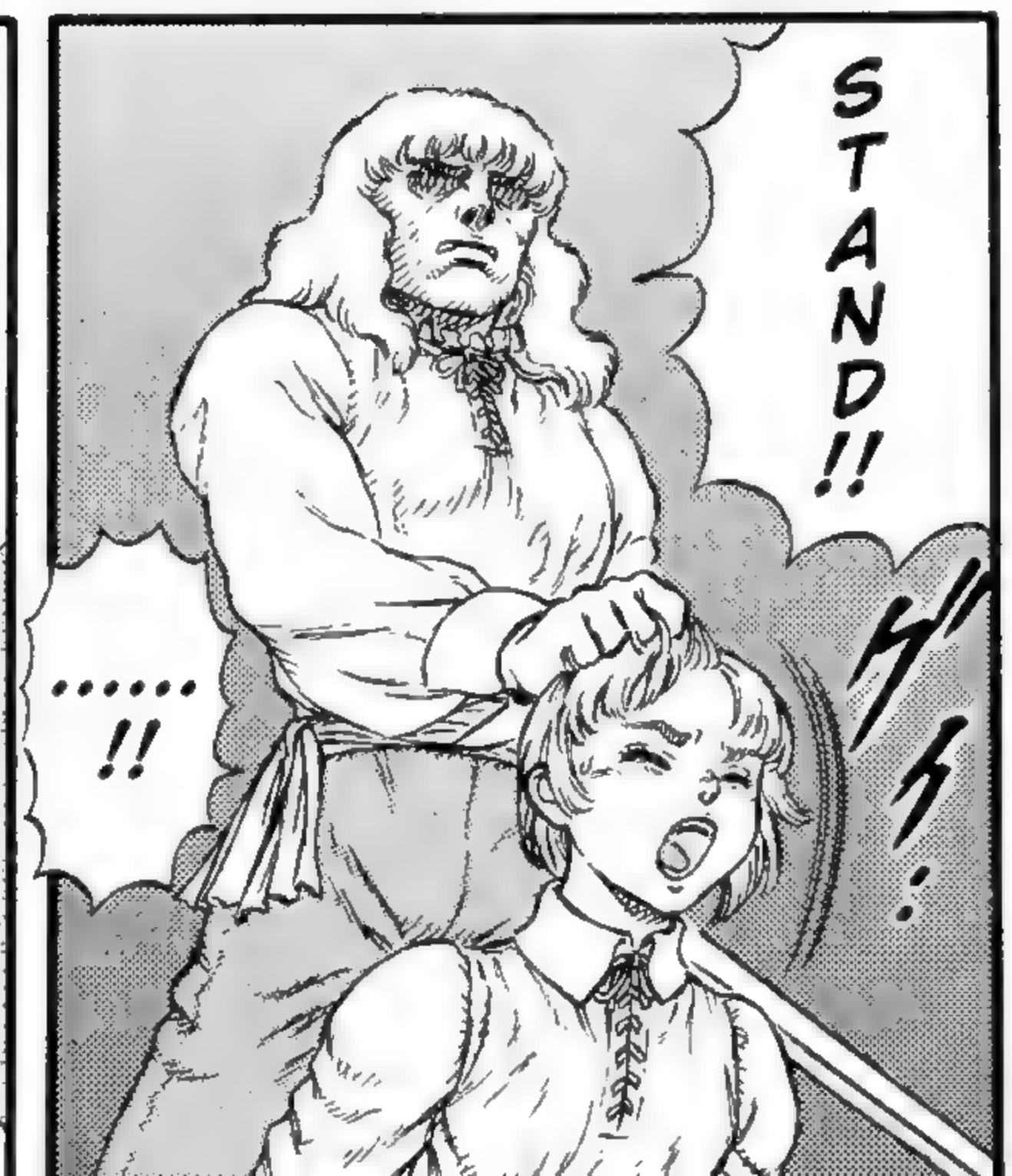
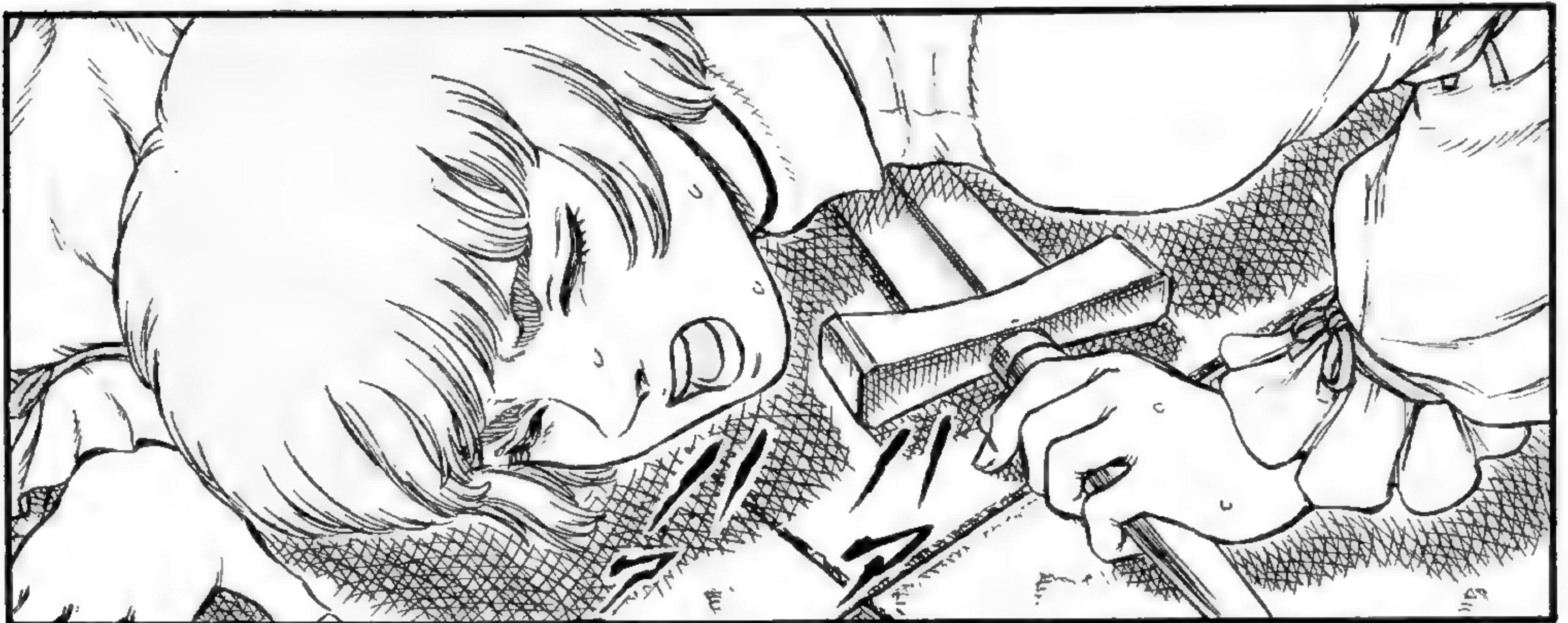
IT'S
DIRTY
WORK.
FAILURE
ISN'T
PERMISSIBLE
AT ALL, NOR
IS YOUR
FACE BEING
SEEN.

THIS
IS...

...AN
ASSASS-
INATION.









HIGHNESS...
PLEASE,
LET THAT BE
ENOUGH FOR
TODAY...

BEGONE
WITH YOU,
HASSAN!!



YOUR
ENEMY
WON'T WAIT
FOR YOU IN
BATTLE!!

NOW
STAND
UP!!
STOP
RESTING!!



AND THAT'S
NOT ALL!!
AS ROYALTY HE
MAY POSSIBLY WED
PRINCESS CHARLOTTE
AND GAIN CONTROL
OF ALL OF
MIDLAND!!

ADONIS MUST
SOMEDAY BECOME
THE LEADER OF MY
WHITE DRAGON
KNIGHTS AND
COMMAND THE
MIGHTIEST FORCE
IN THE LAND!!



TRY TO GET
THROUGH
MY DEFENSES
AT LEAST
ONCE!!

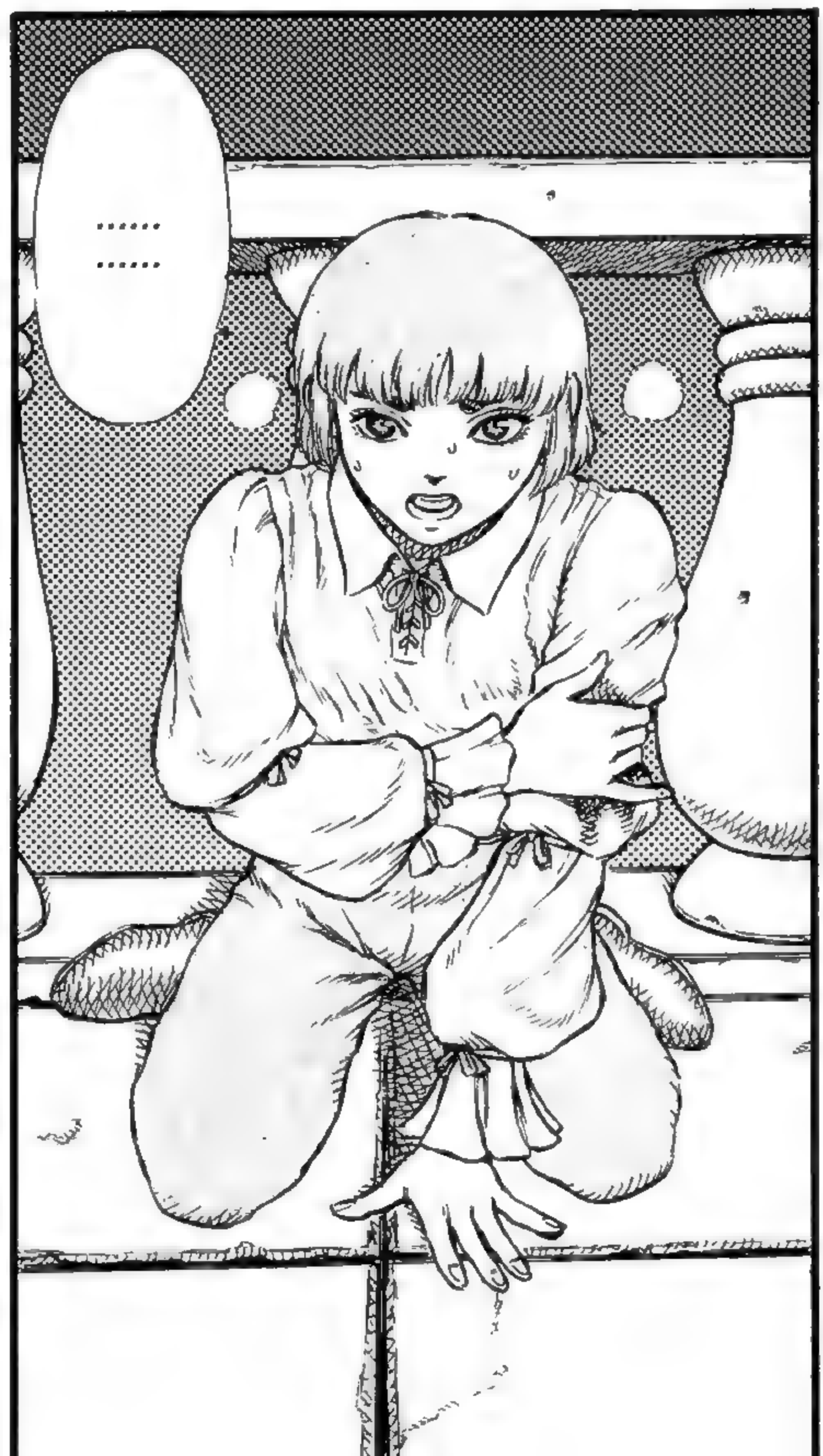
COME
AT
ME!!

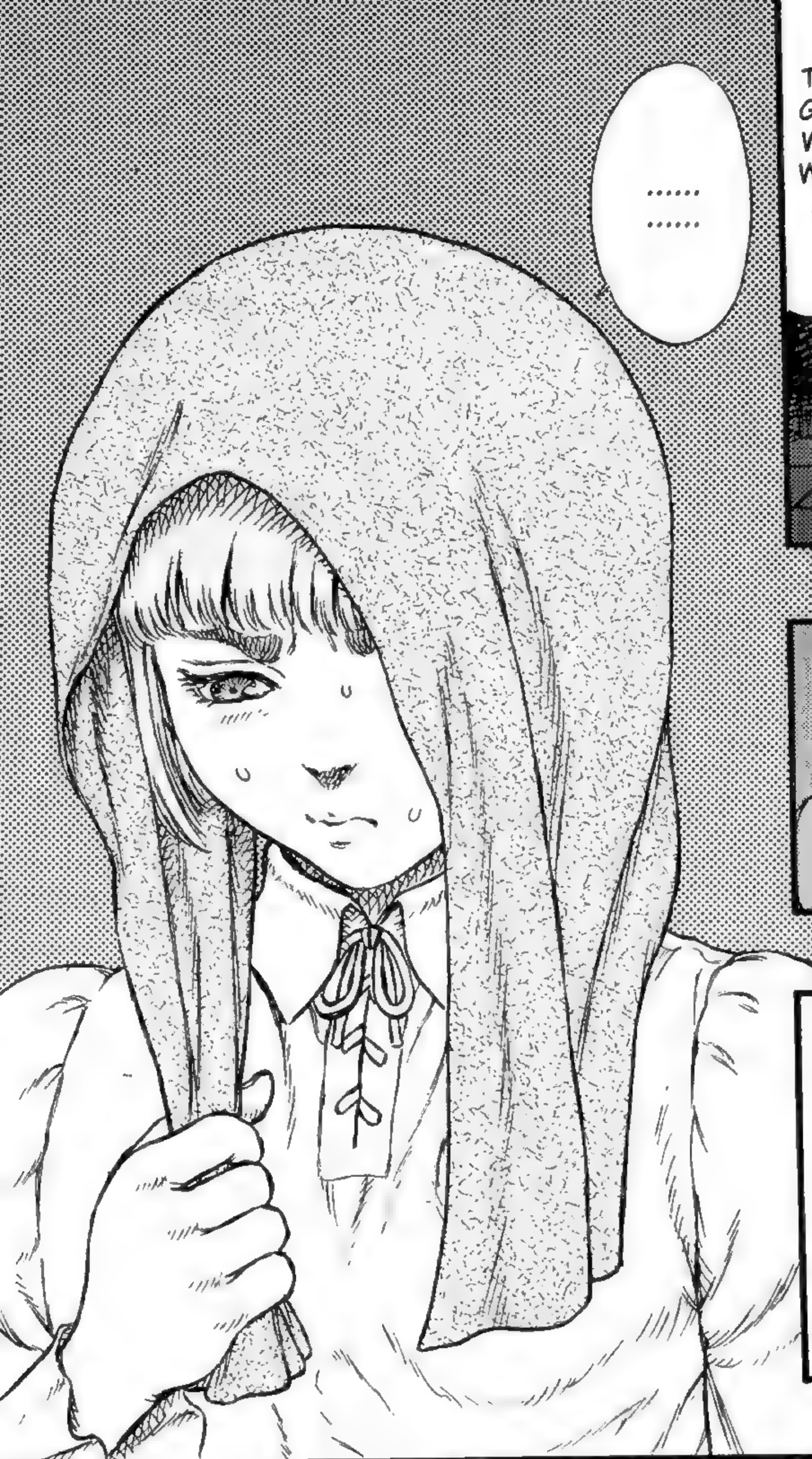


THE
IMPORTANCE
OF THIS
DUTY IS
DIFFERENT
FROM
THAT
WHICH
BEFALLS
OTHER
MEN!!

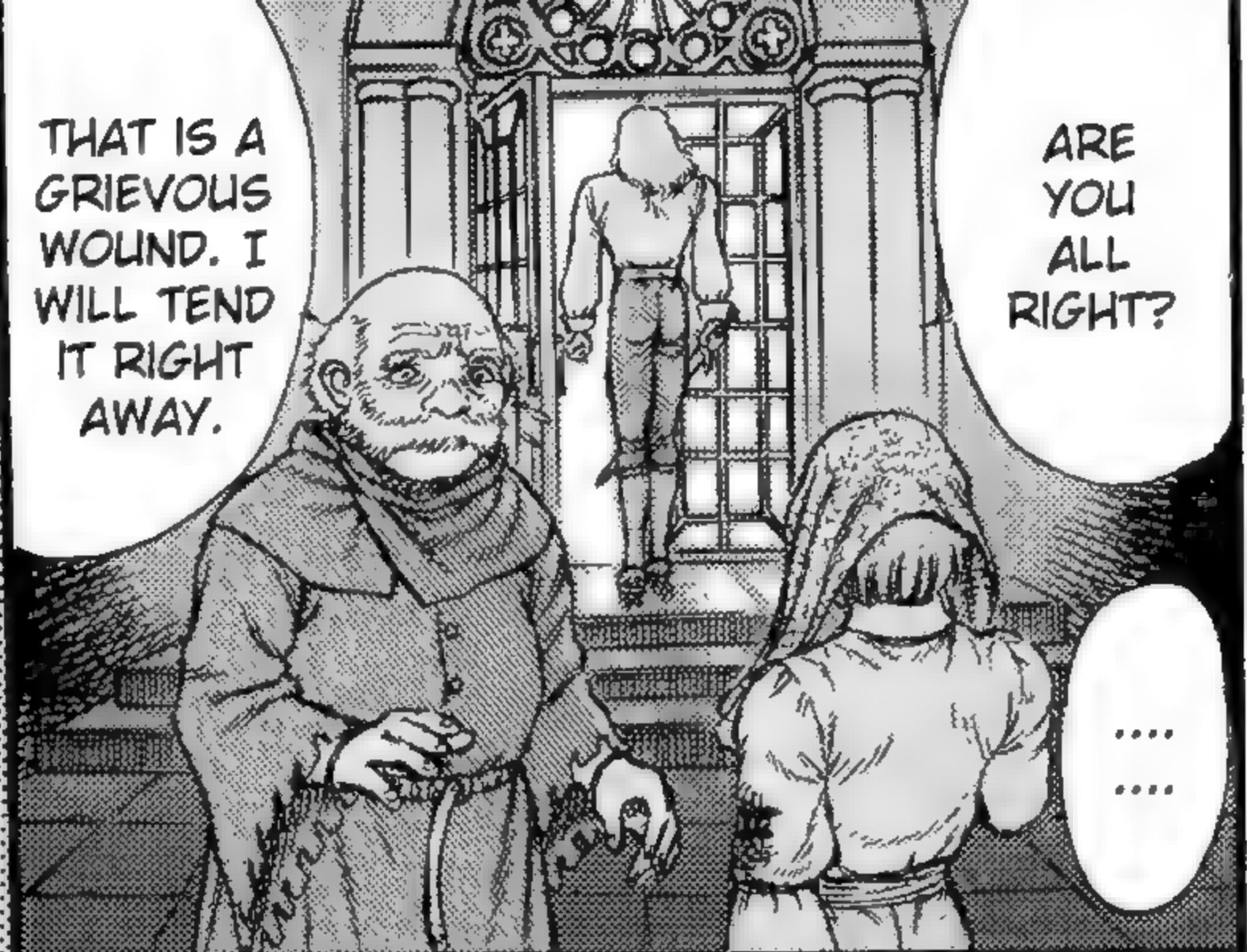
IT'S WHAT
A SON OF
ROYALTY IS
DESTINED
TO DO!!







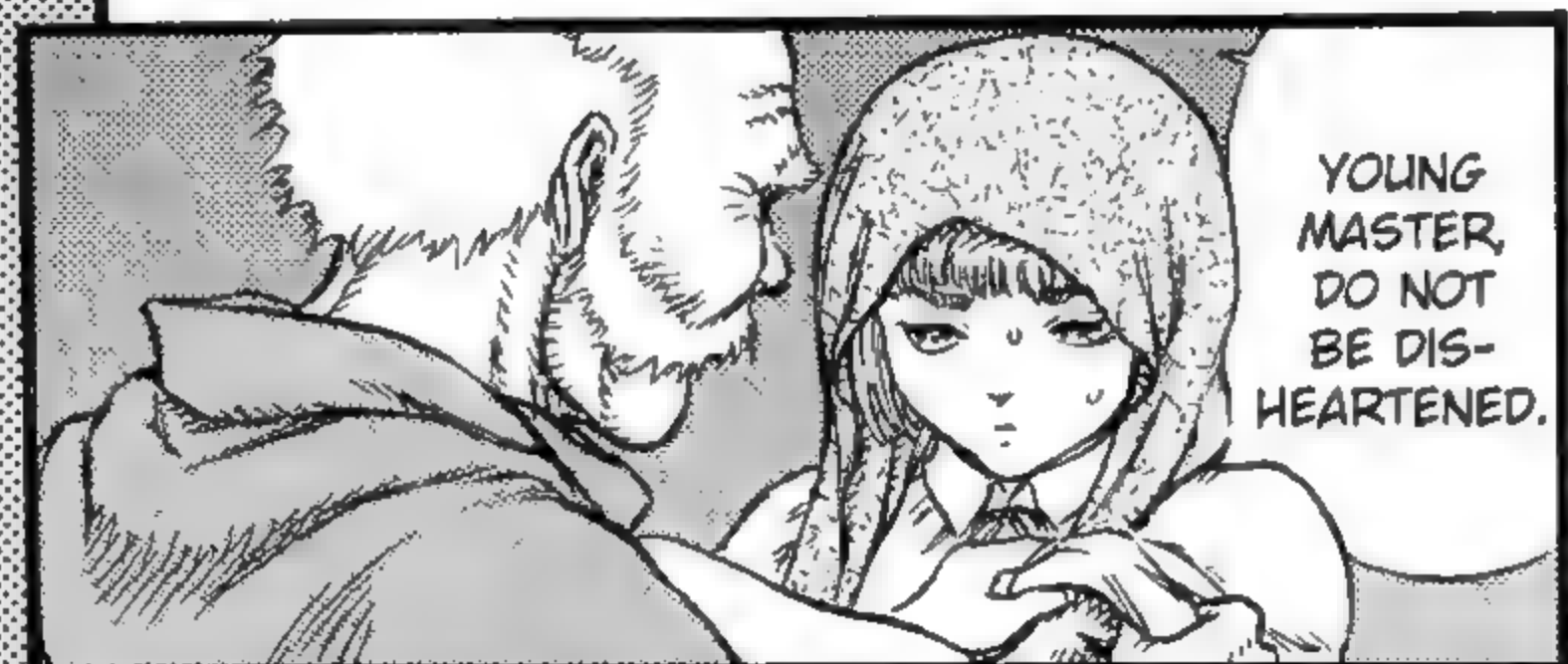
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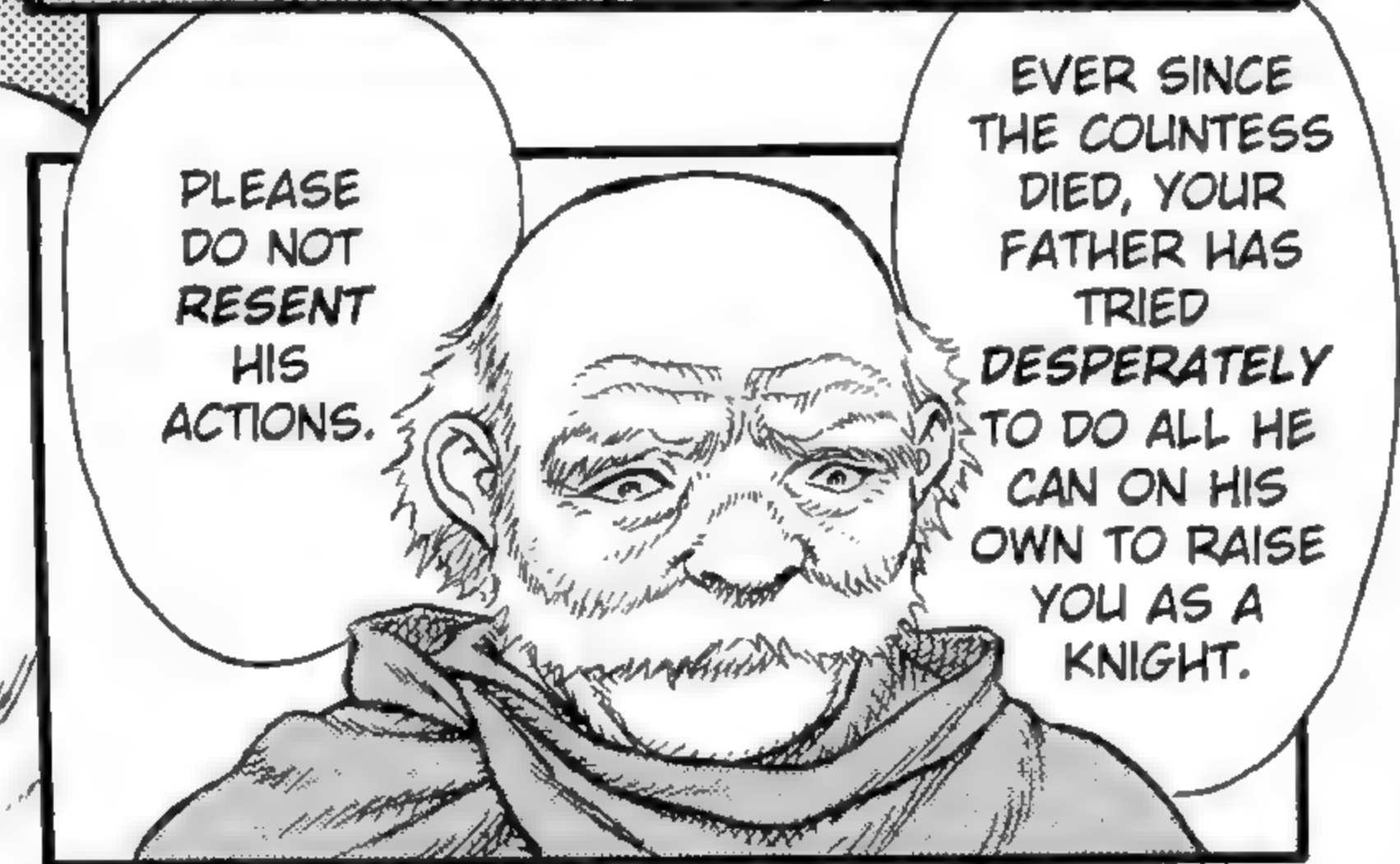
THAT IS A GRIEVOUS WOUND. I WILL TEND IT RIGHT AWAY.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

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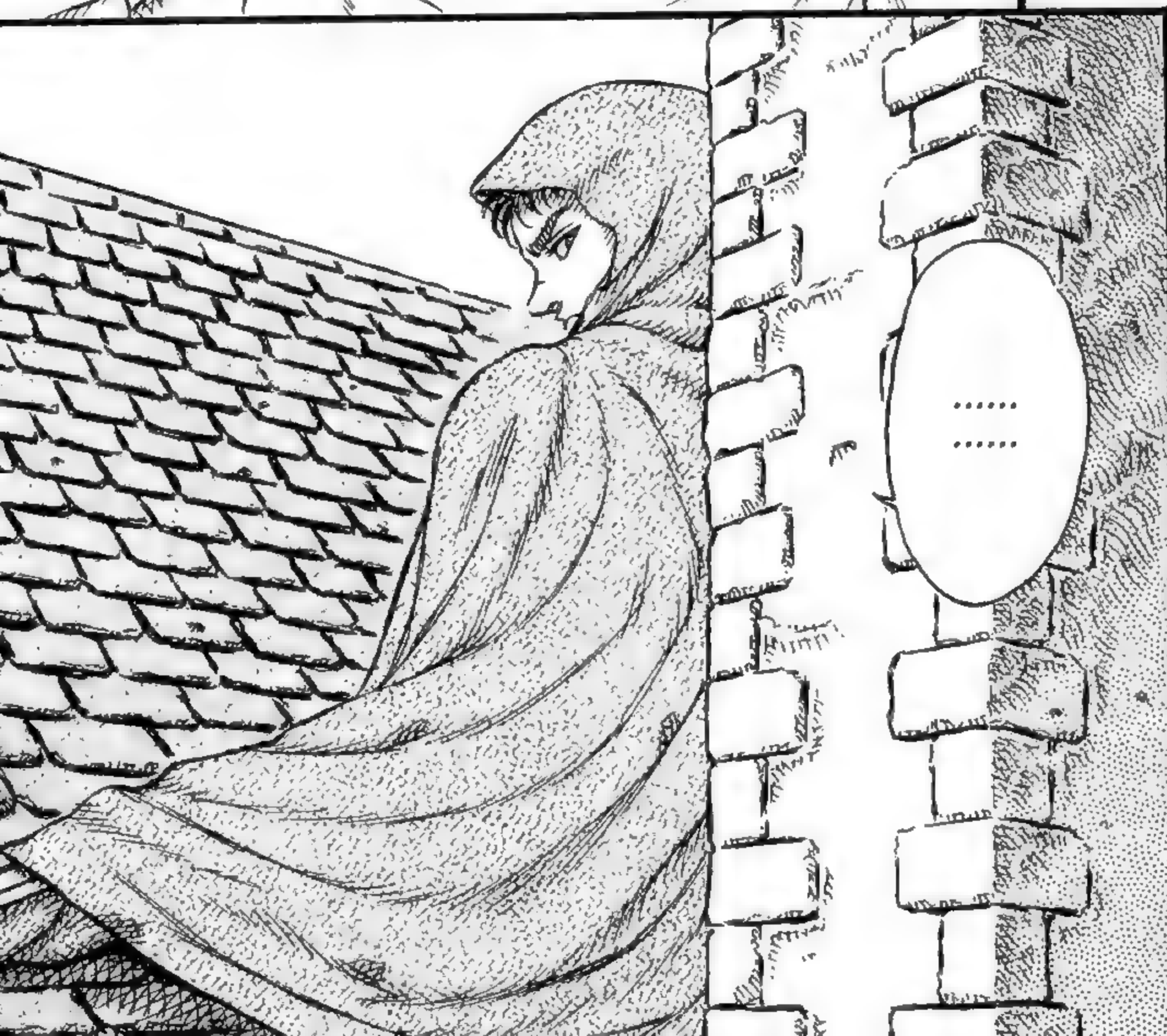


YOUNG MASTER, DO NOT BE DIS-HEARTENED.

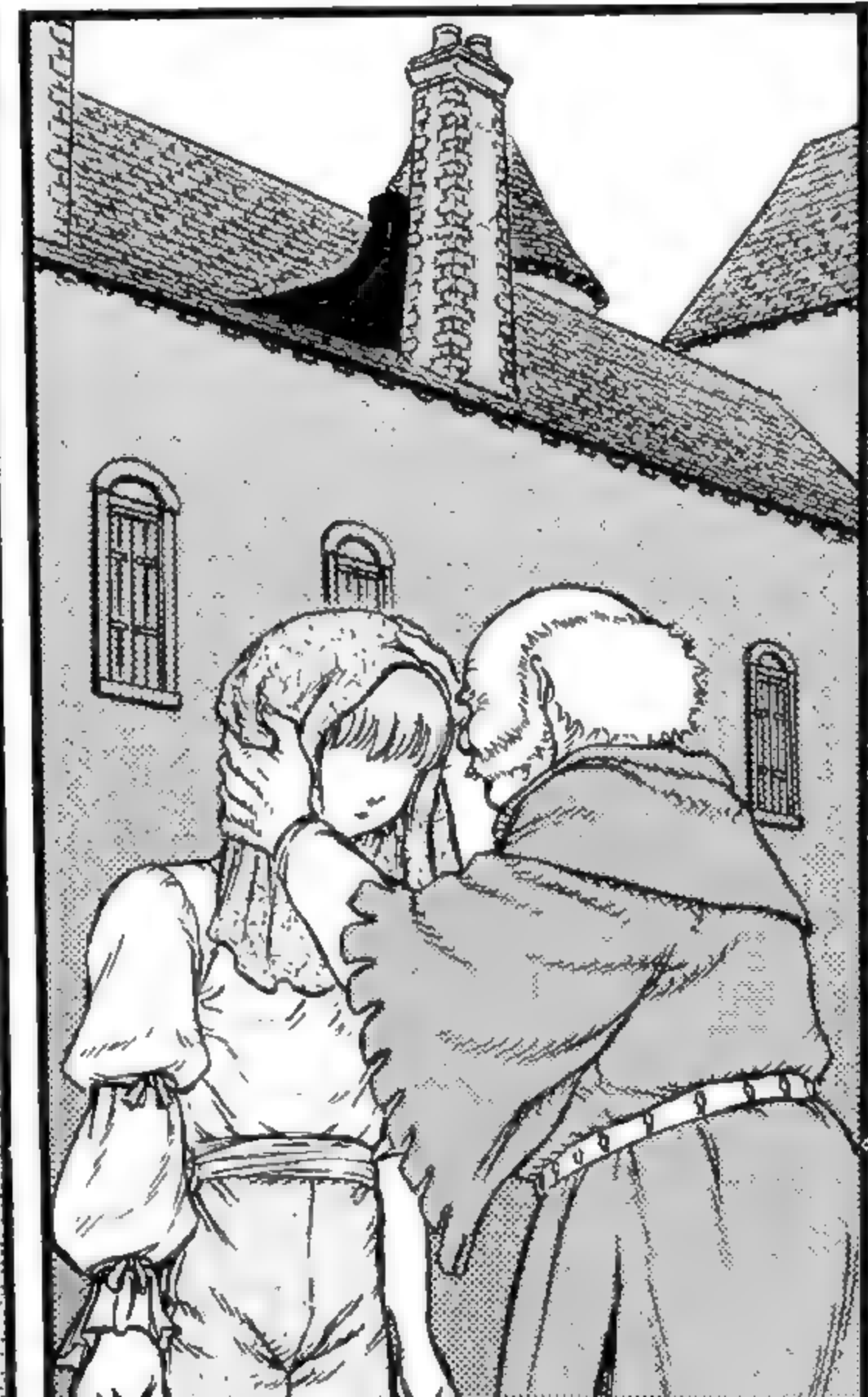


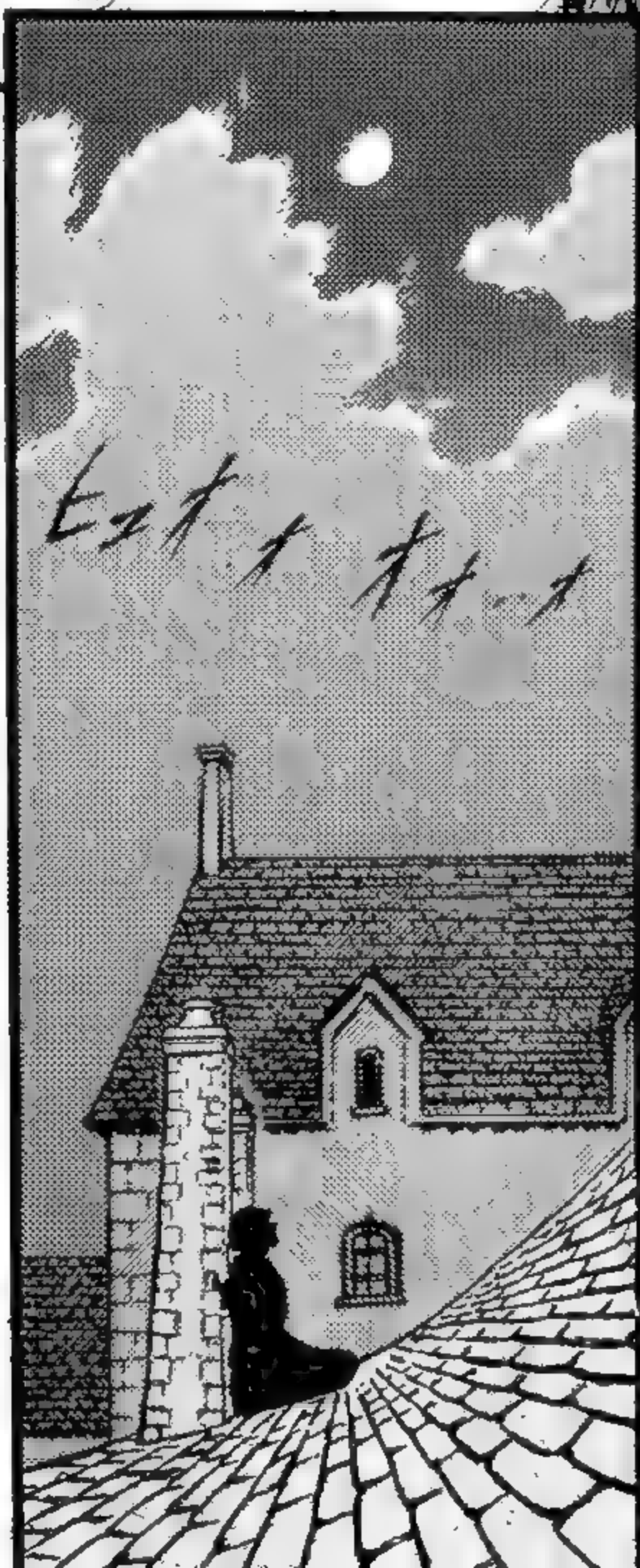
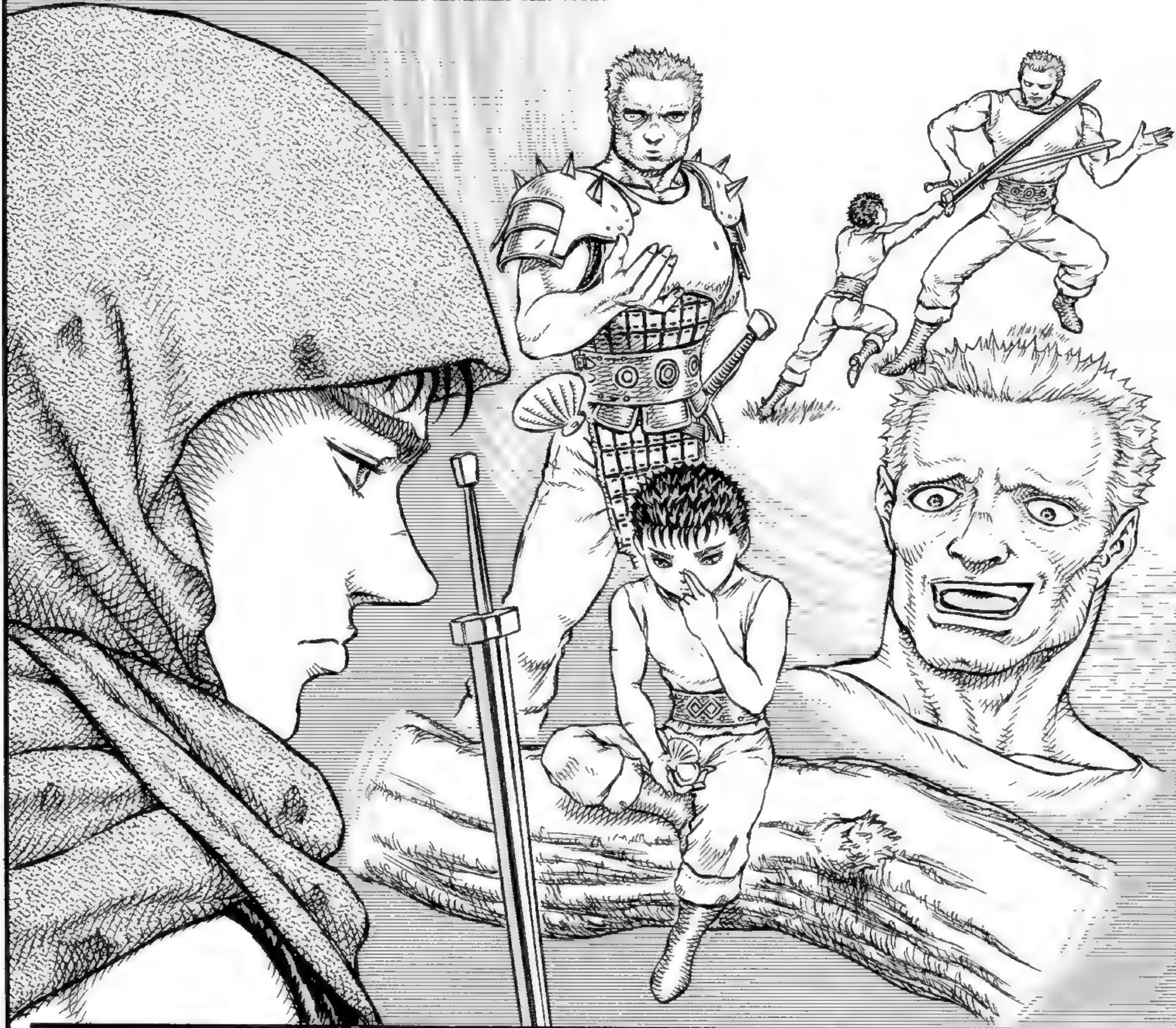
PLEASE DO NOT RESENT HIS ACTIONS.

EVER SINCE THE COUNTESS DIED, YOUR FATHER HAS TRIED DESPERATELY TO DO ALL HE CAN ON HIS OWN TO RAISE YOU AS A KNIGHT.



.....
.....





DOUBTLESS HE BEARS THE HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY OF ROYALTY...BUT MASTER ADONIS IS ONLY THIRTEEN, AND HE MUST MISS HIS MOTHER SO.

YOUR HIGHNESS. I UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS, BUT IF YOU COULD JUST BE A BIT GENTLER WITH THE YOUNG MASTER.....

BEGGING YOUR PARDON ...

MAYBE MY FRUSTRATIONS GOT THE BEST OF ME A BIT...

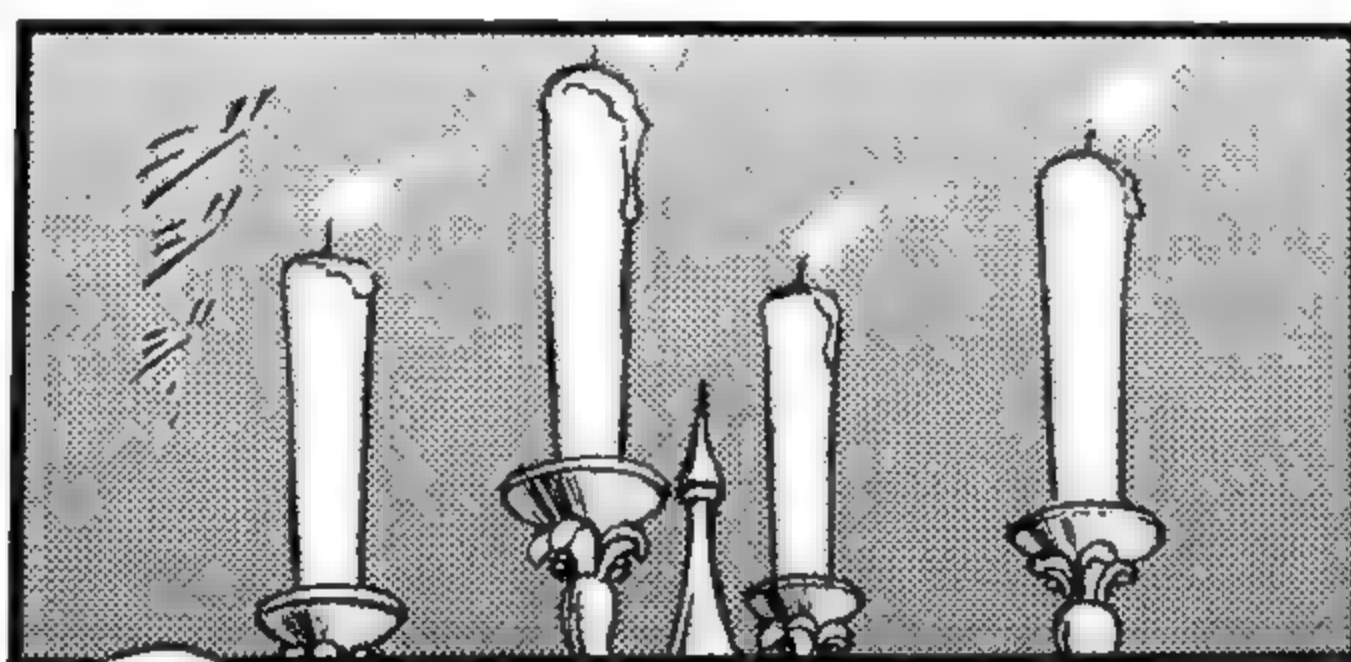
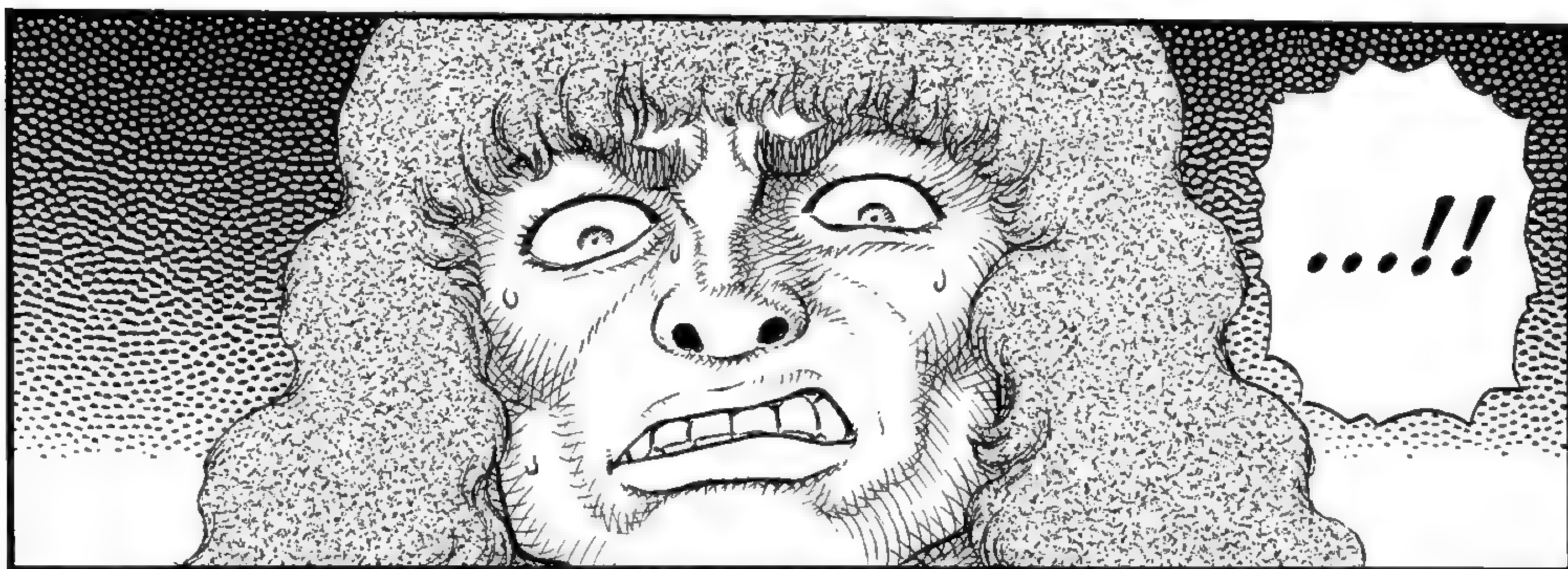
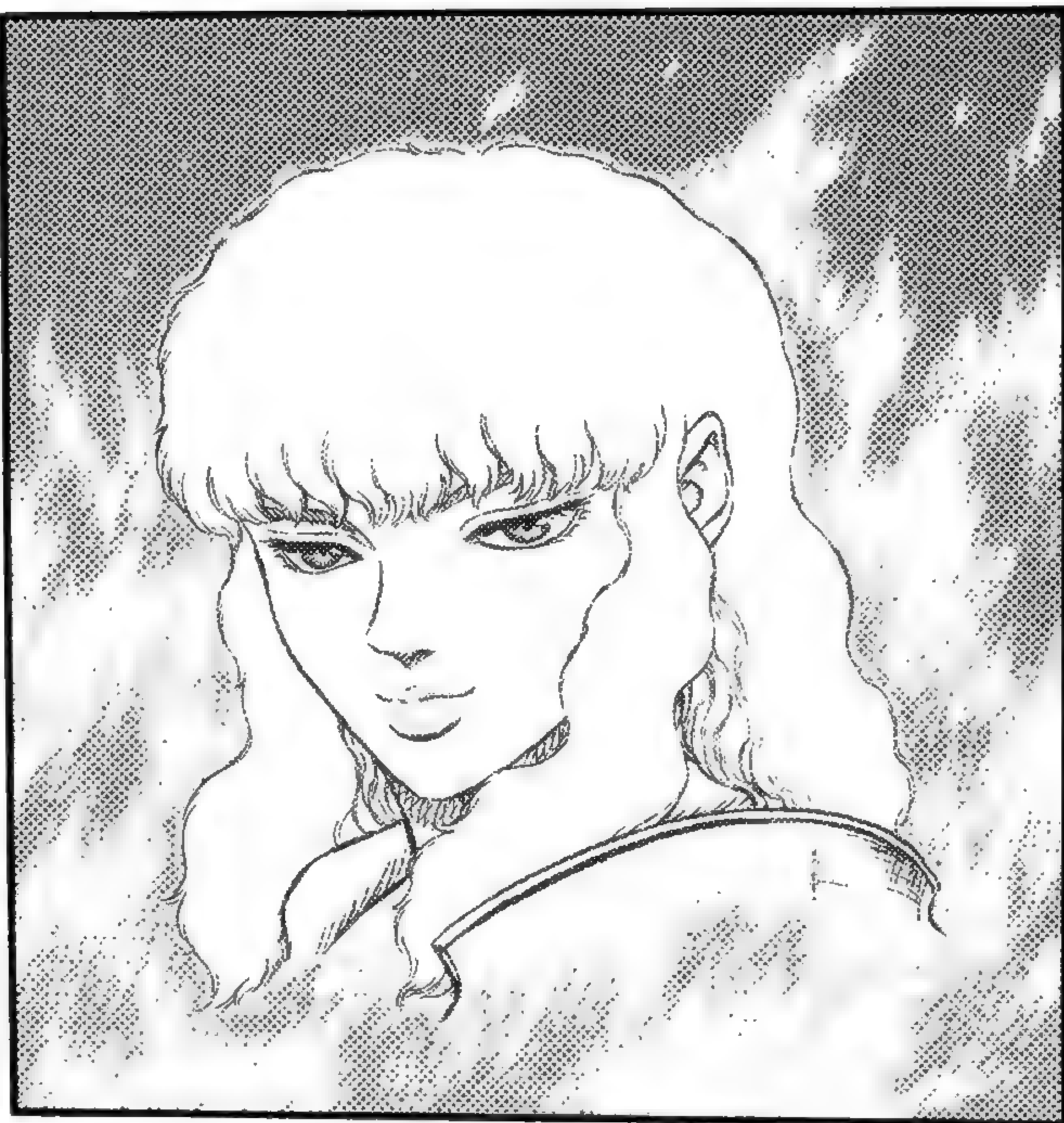
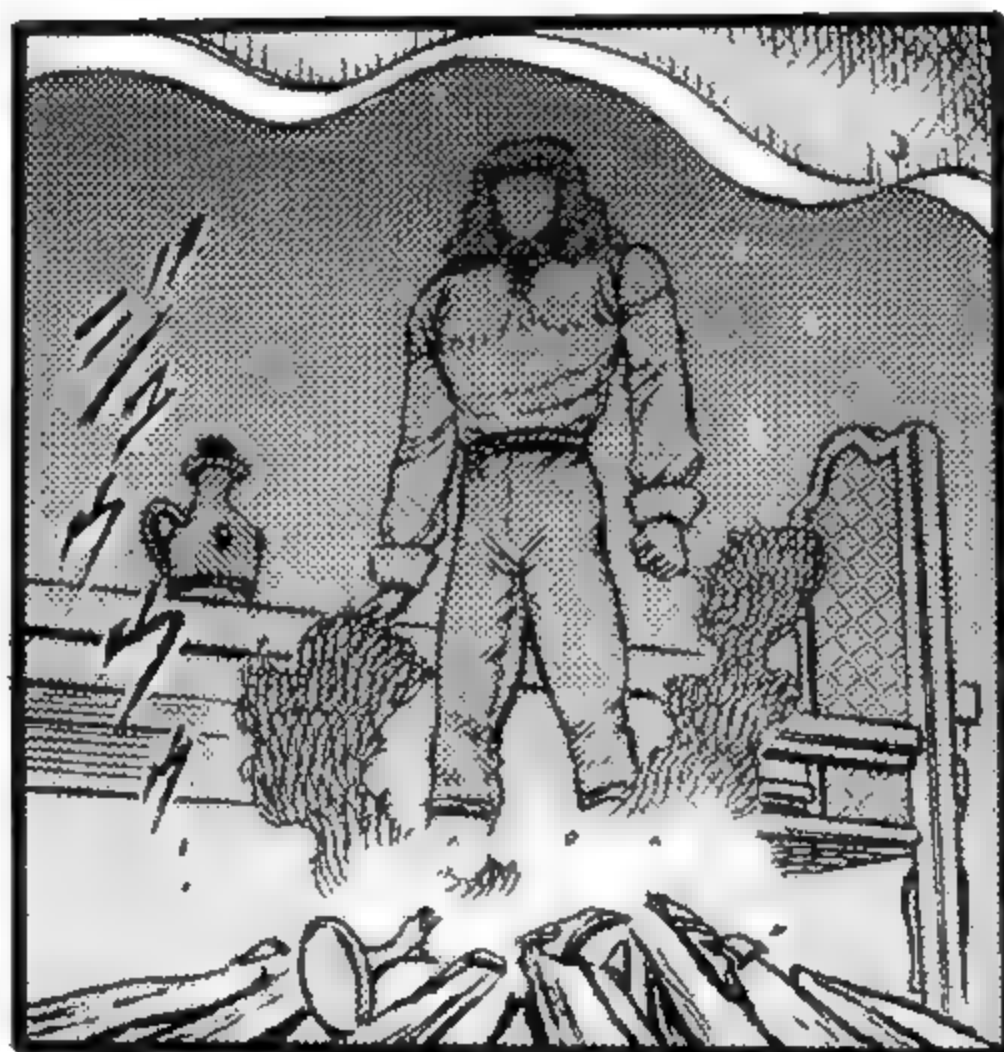
I'VE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL WITH MY DUTIES IN THE CASTLE LATELY.

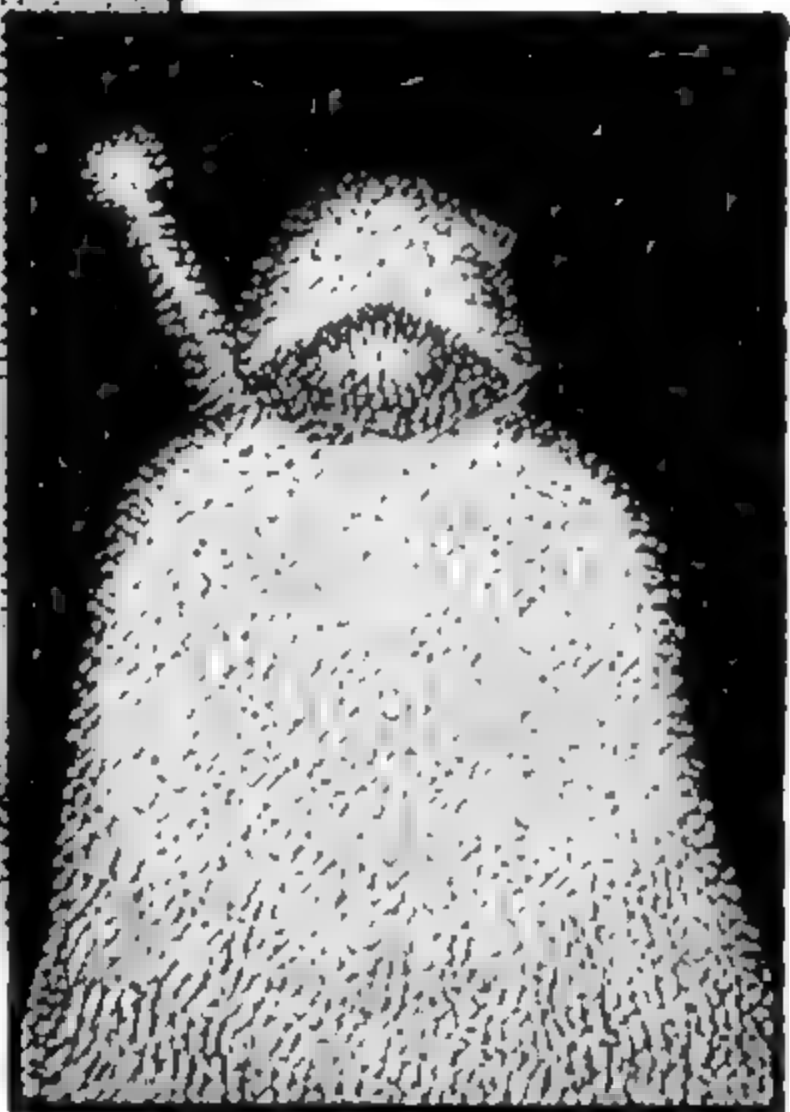
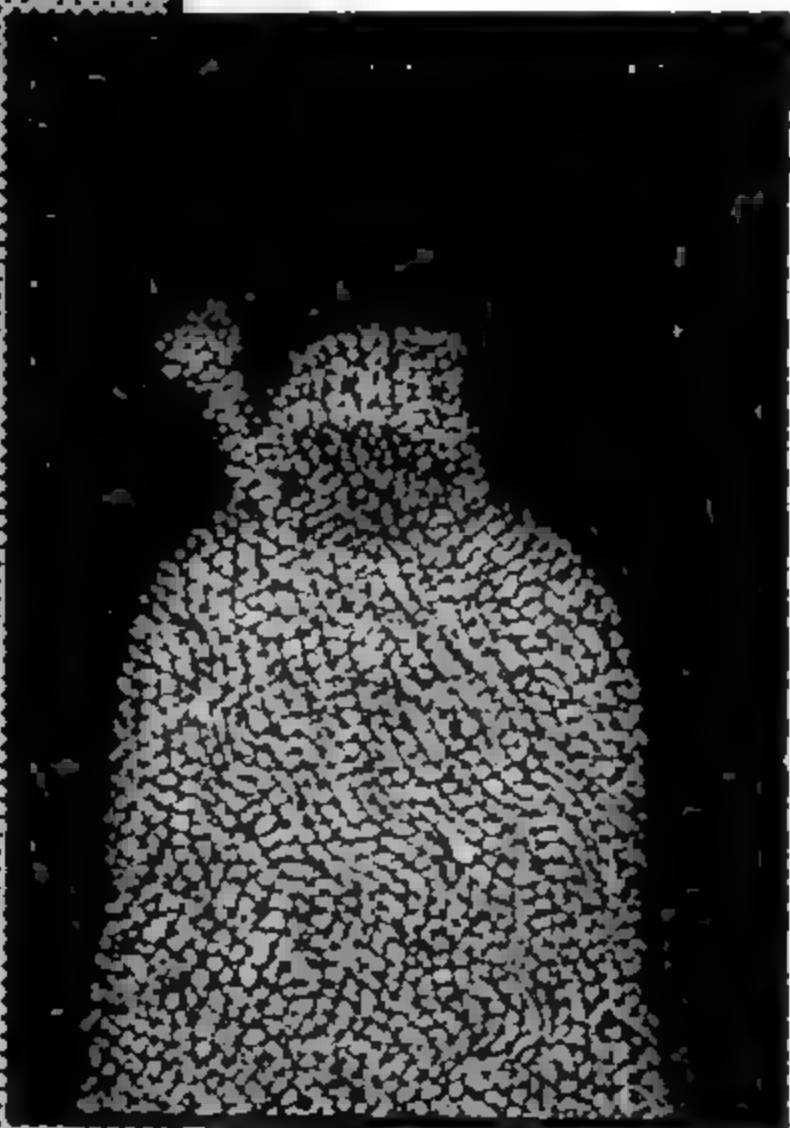
YES, I UNDERSTAND! YOU MAY GO, HASSAN!

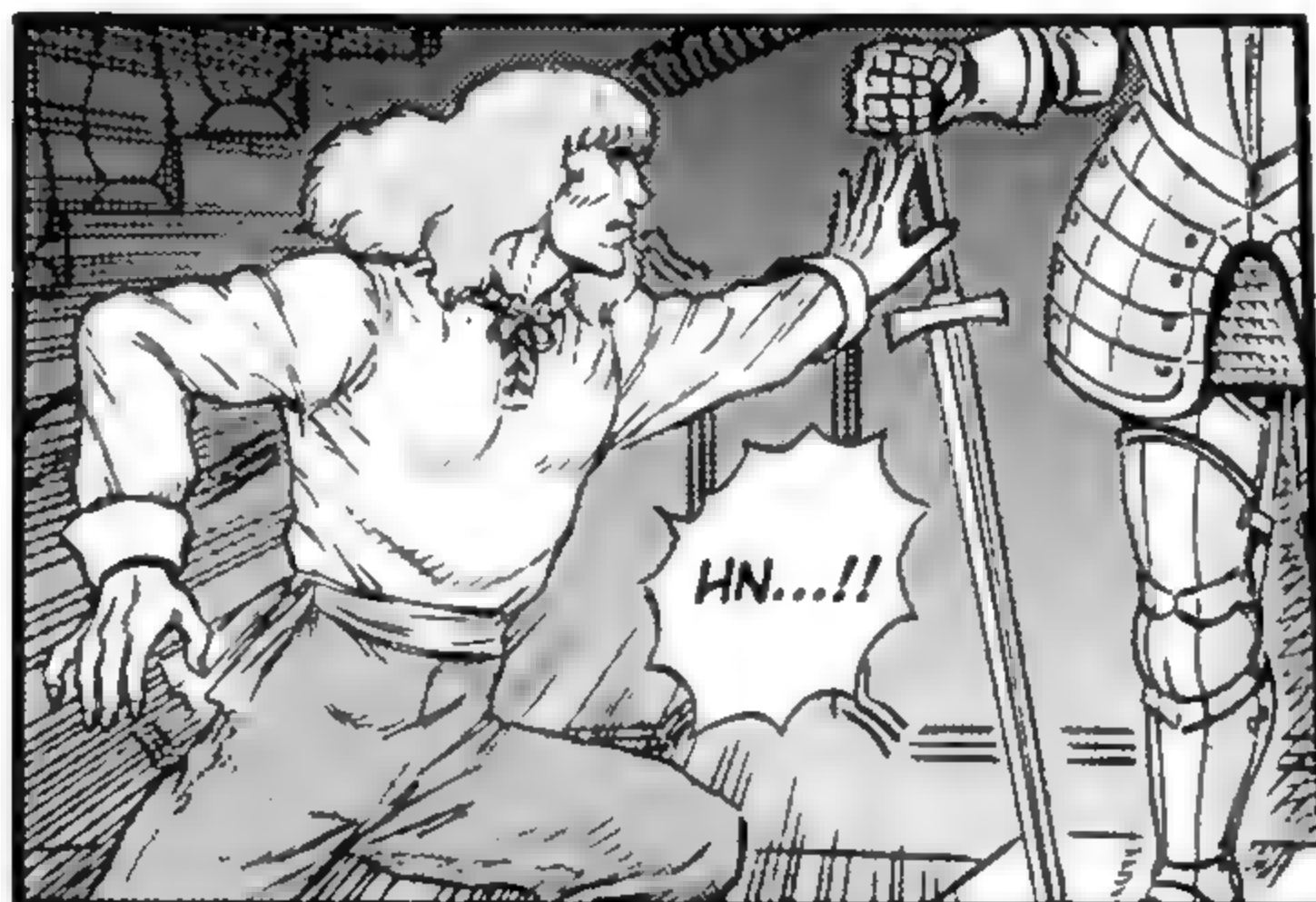
THIS FIERCE TRAINING THESE PAST FEW DAYS HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT OFF THE MARK.

.....
.....

I EARNESTLY HOPE YOU WILL NOT BE UNREASONABLE...

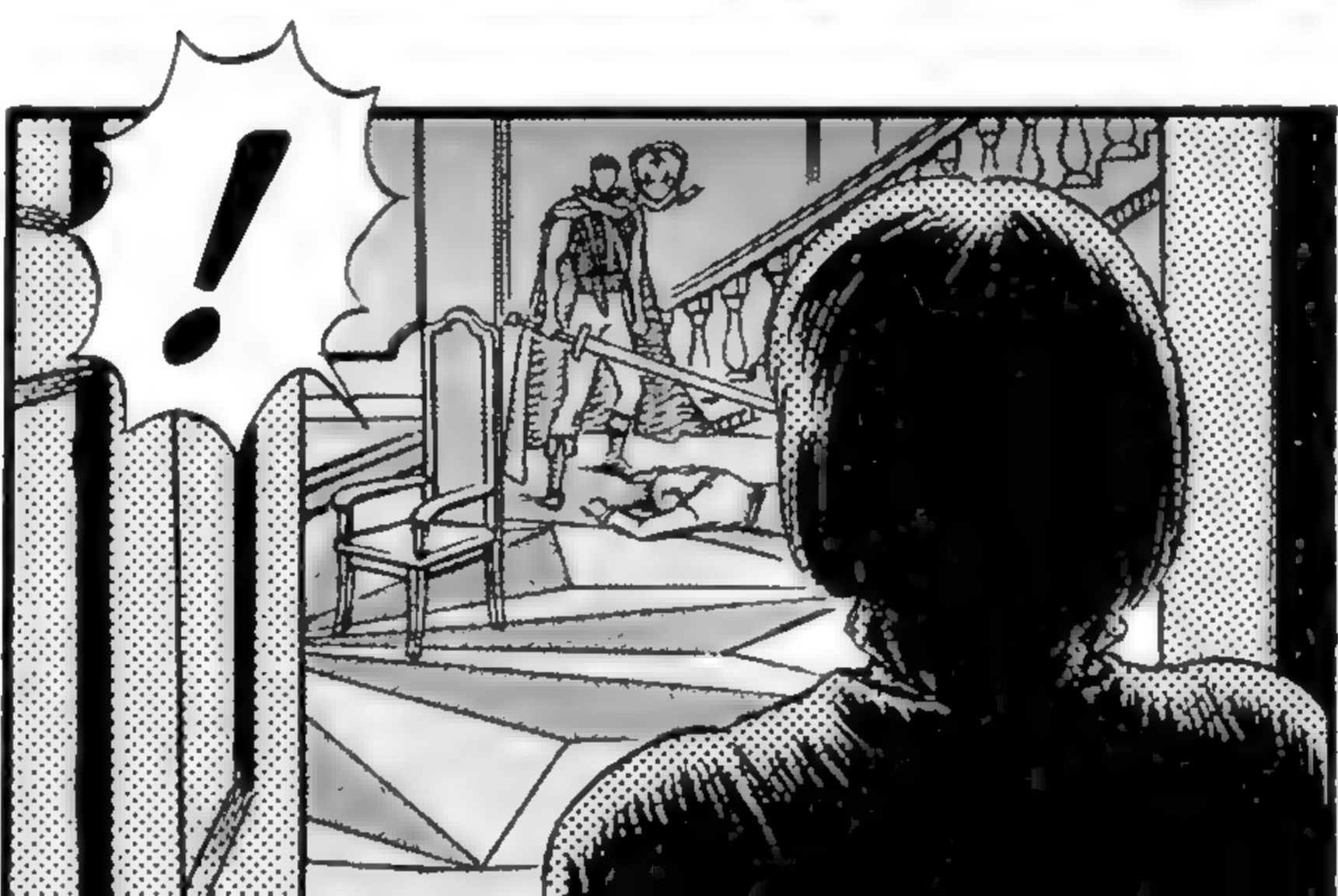
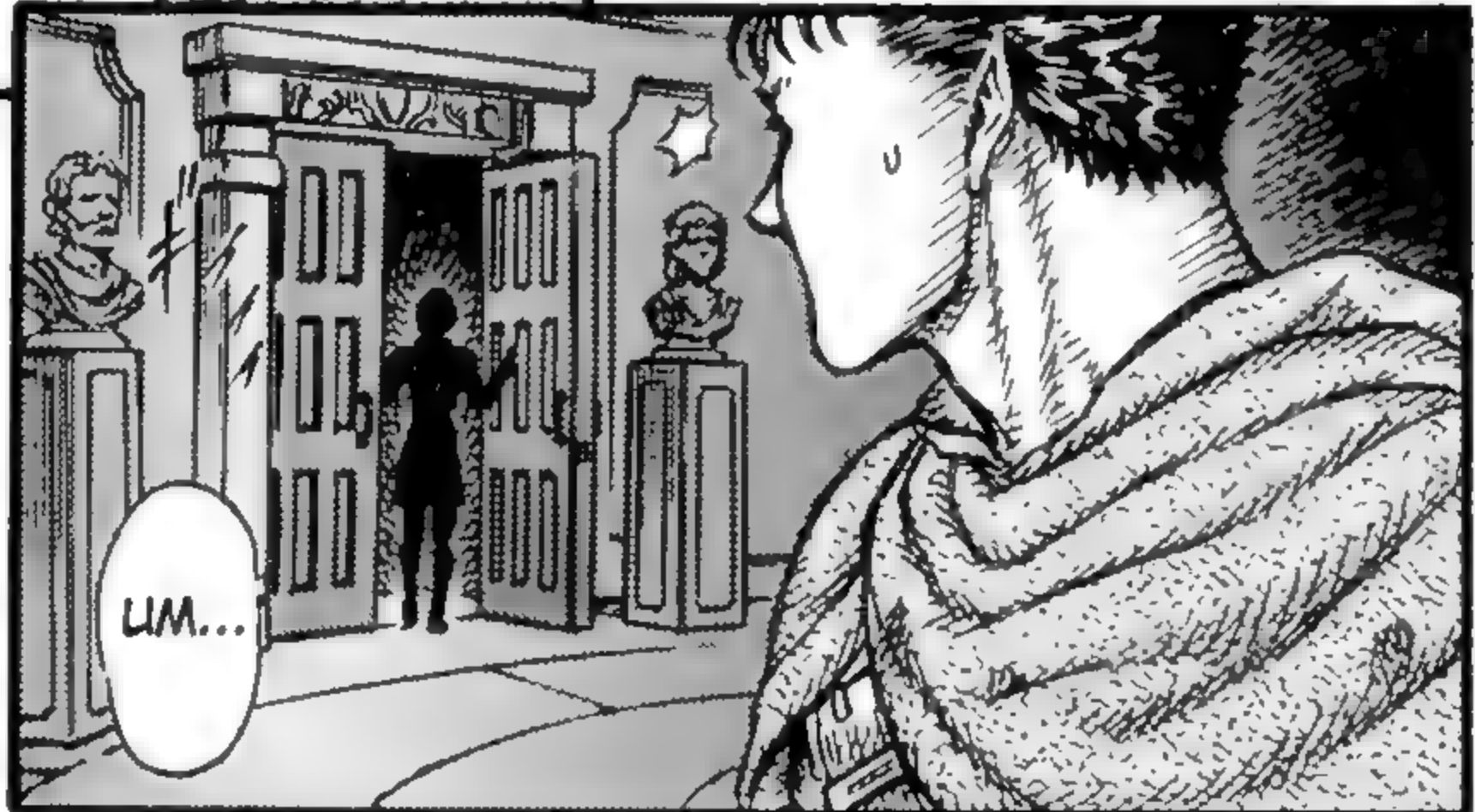
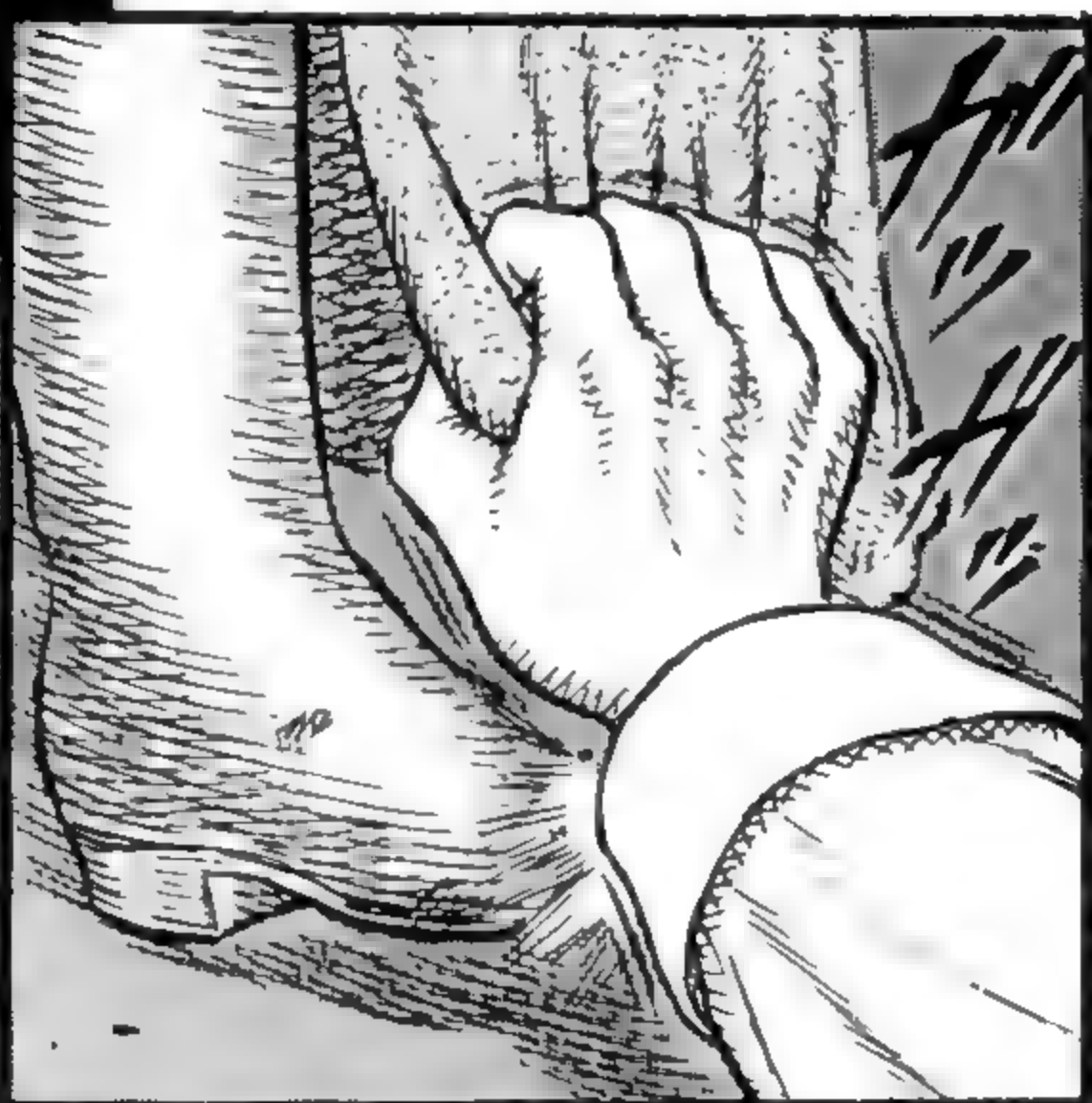






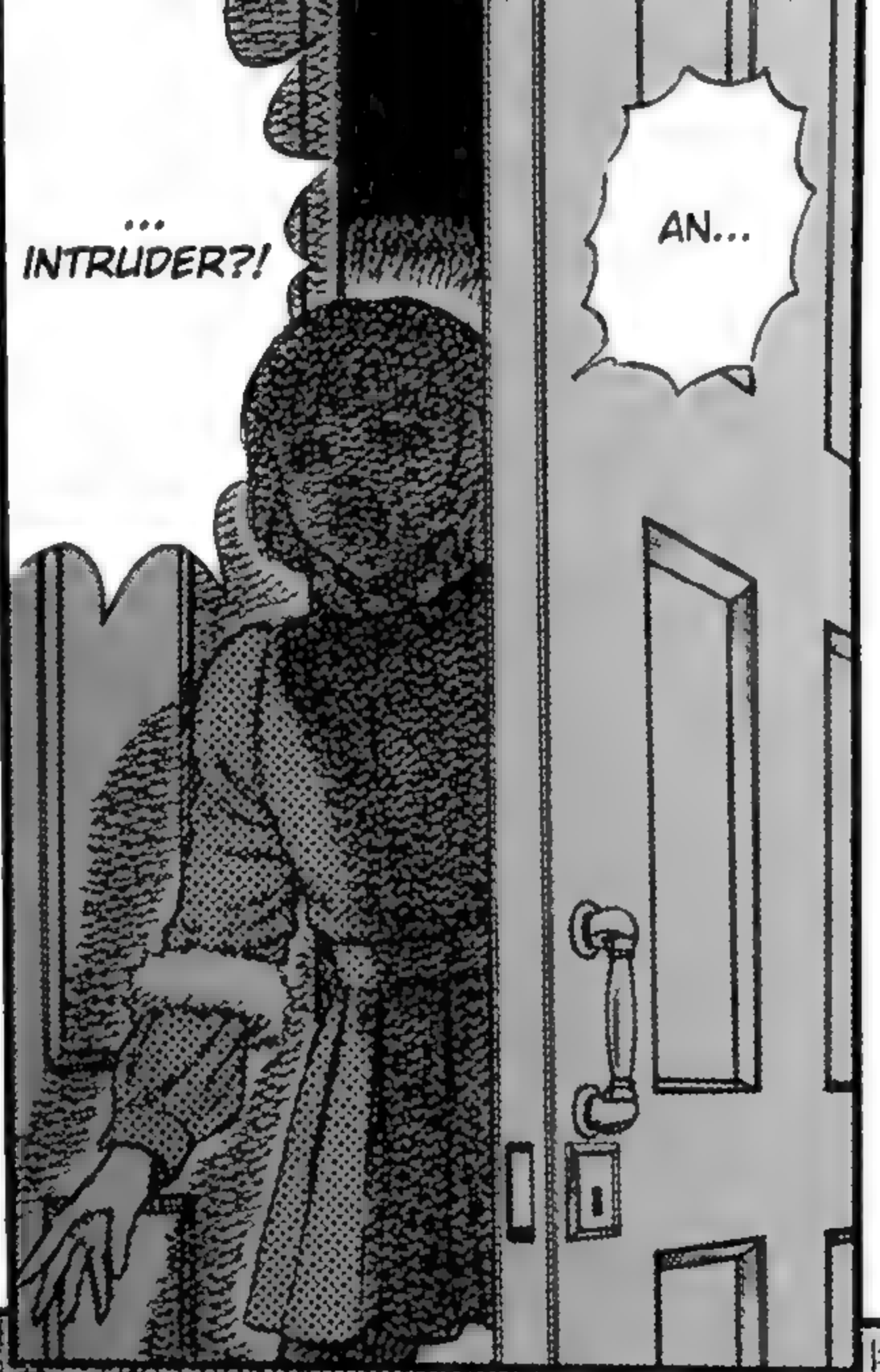








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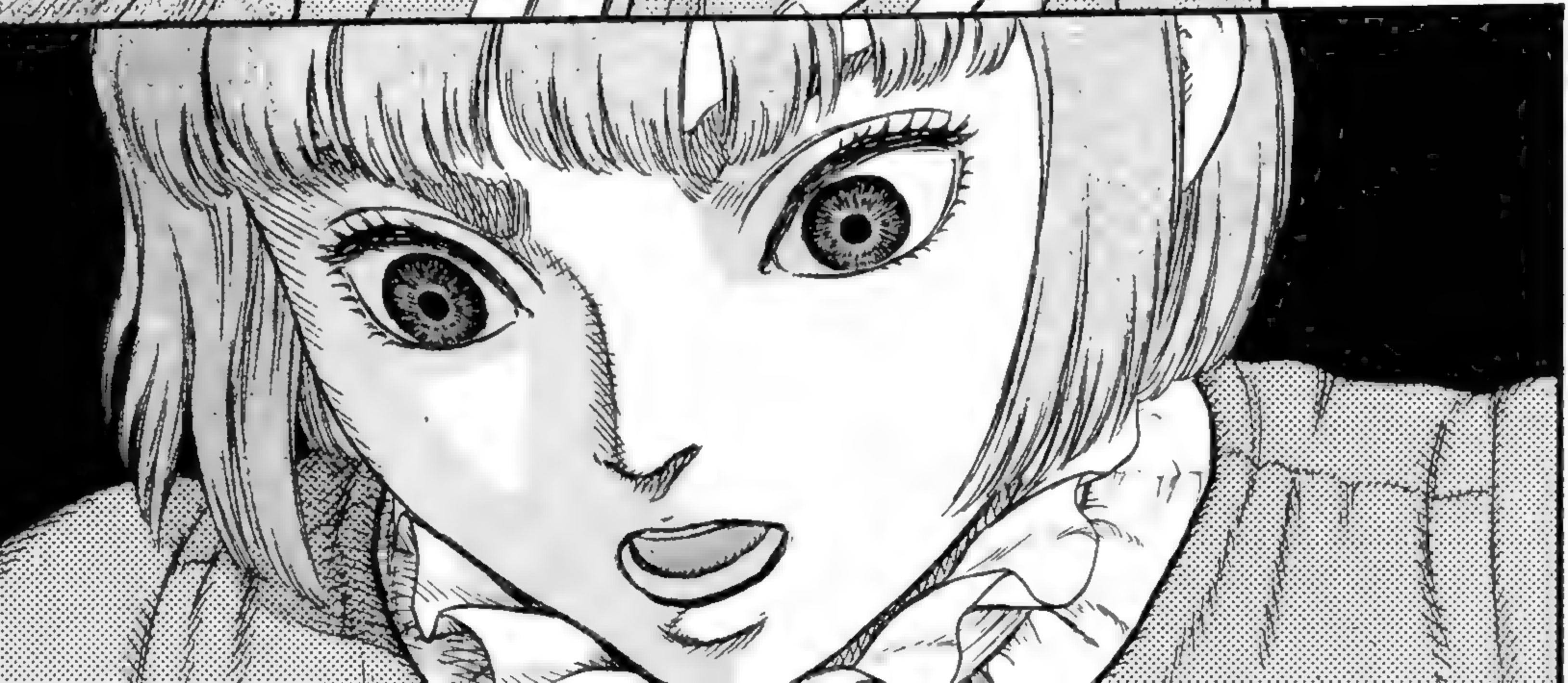
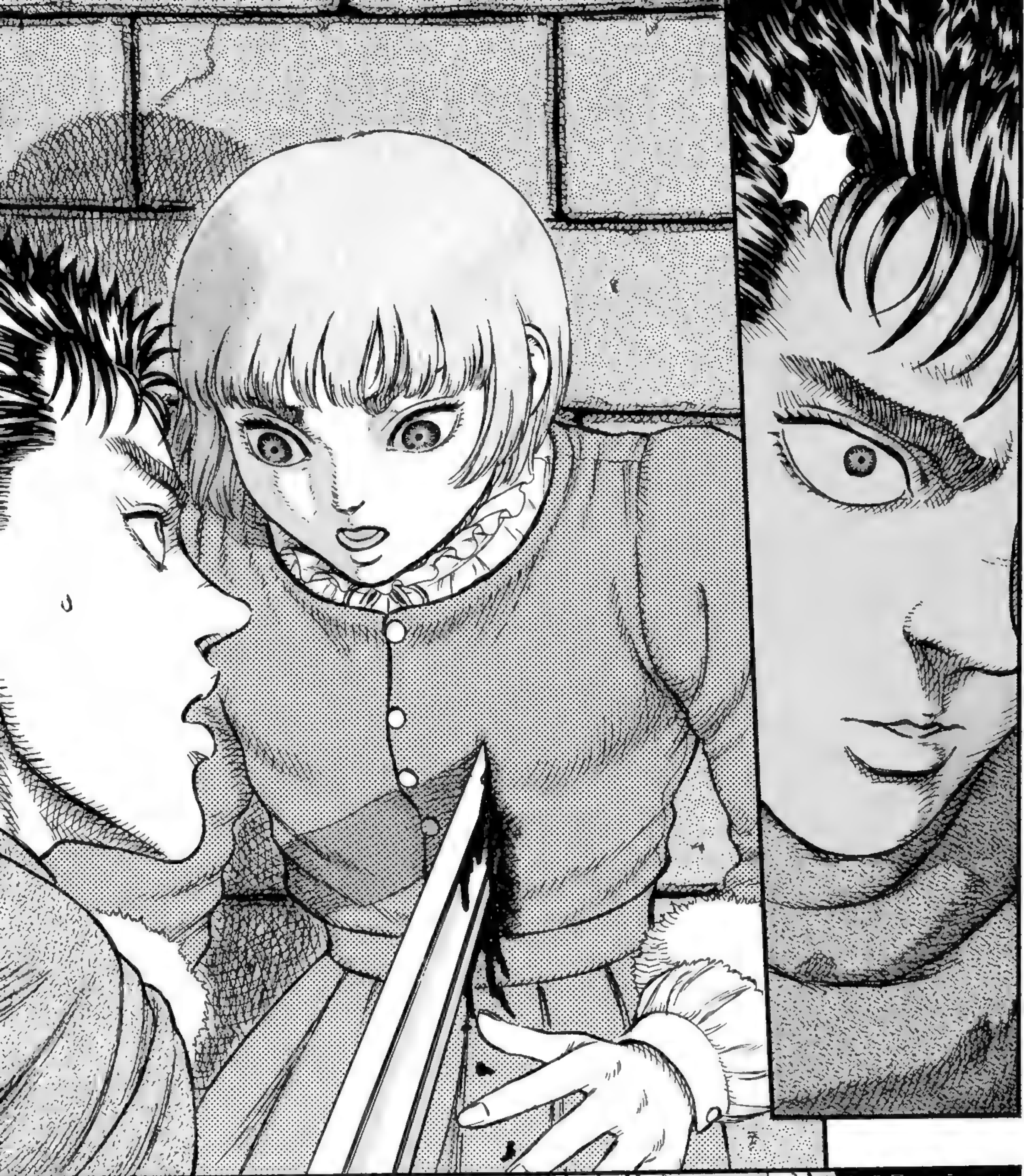
...
INTRUDER?!

AN...



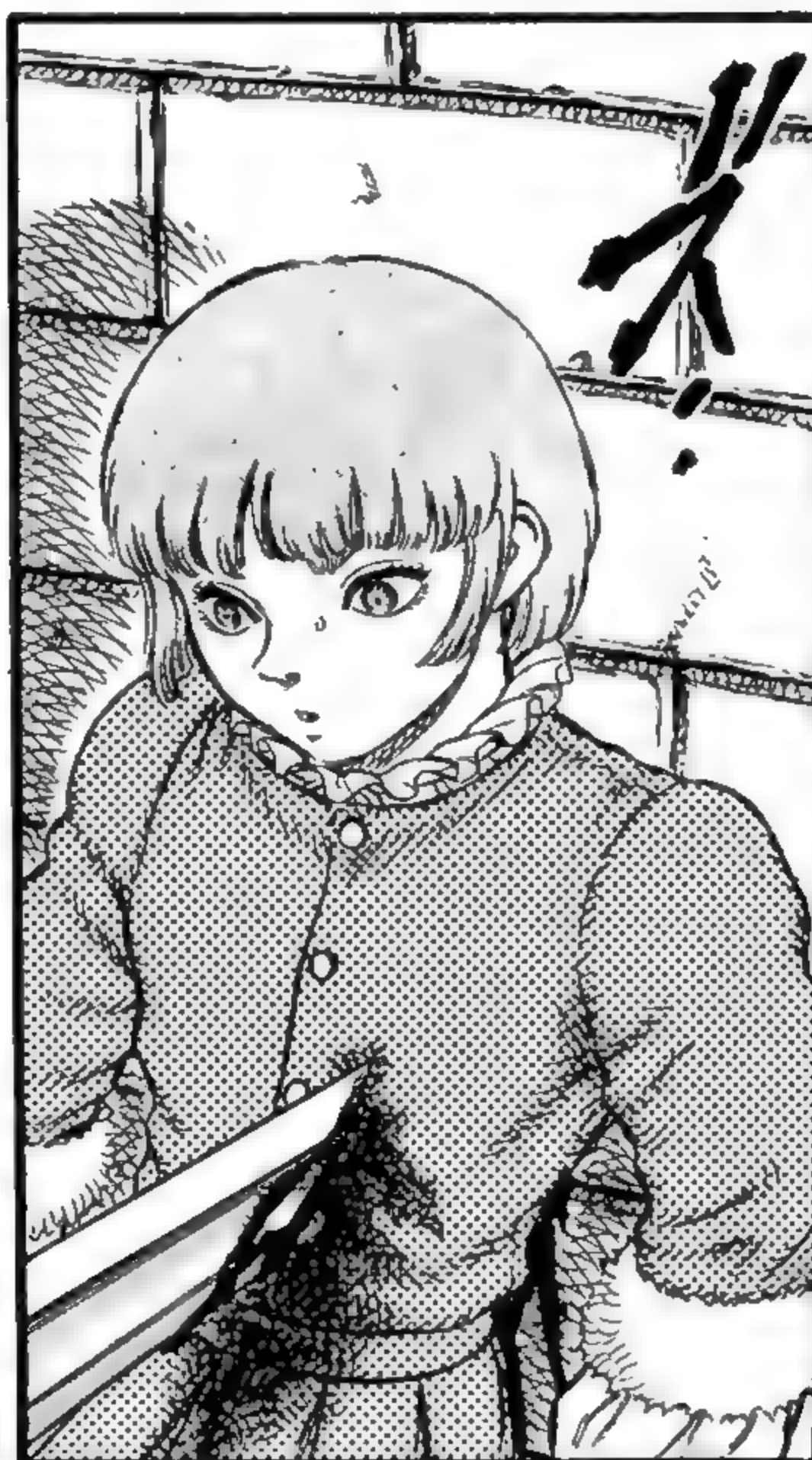
I'VE
BEEN
SEEN...





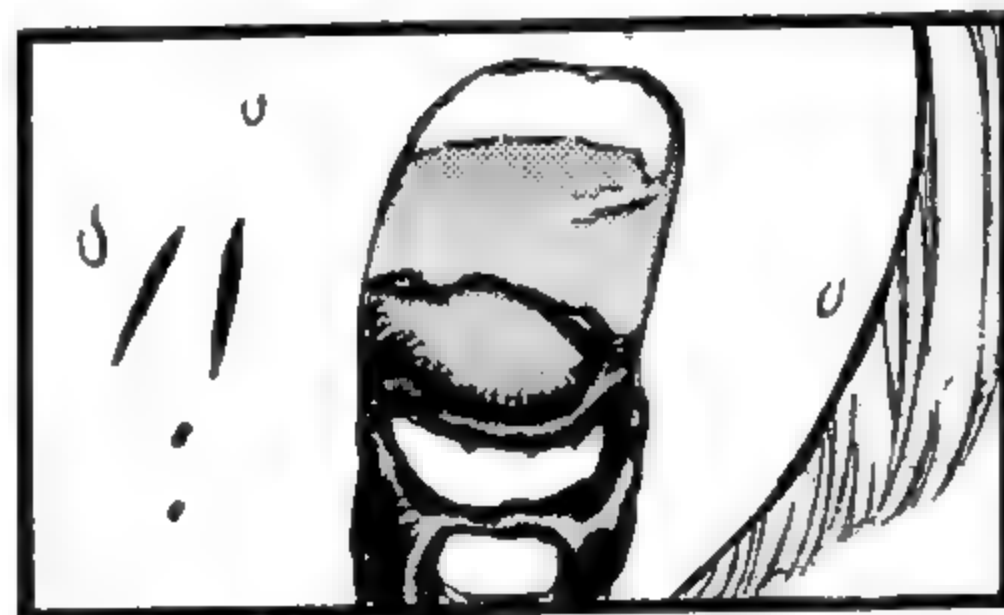
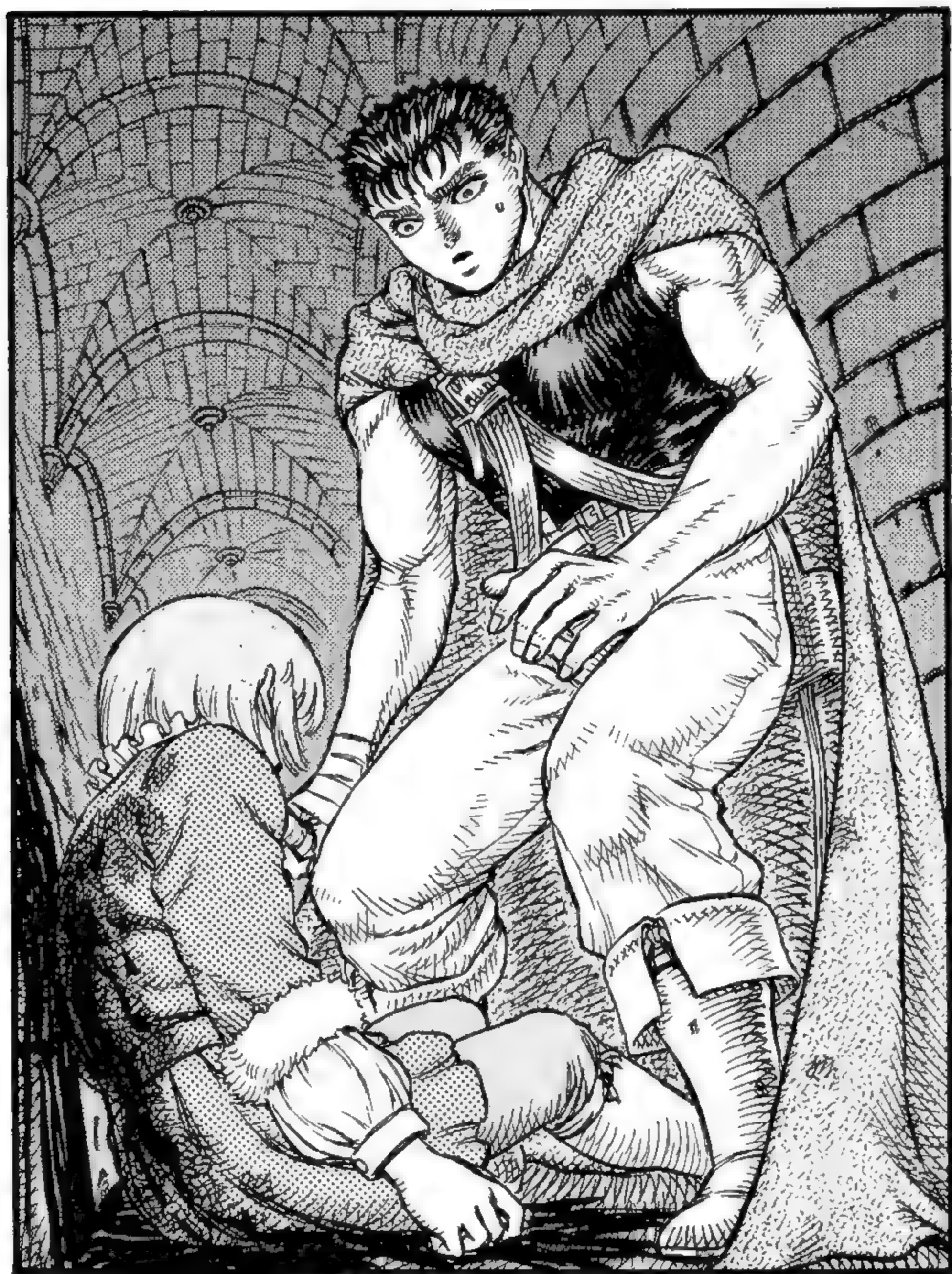


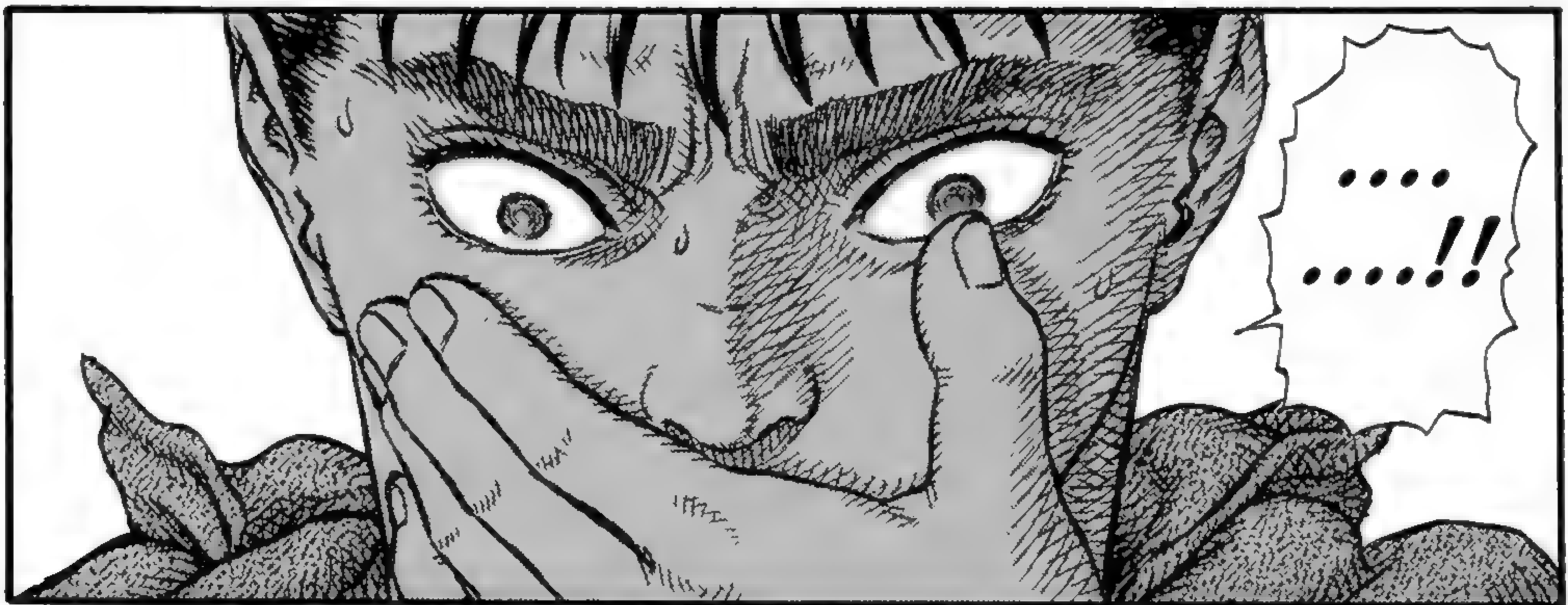
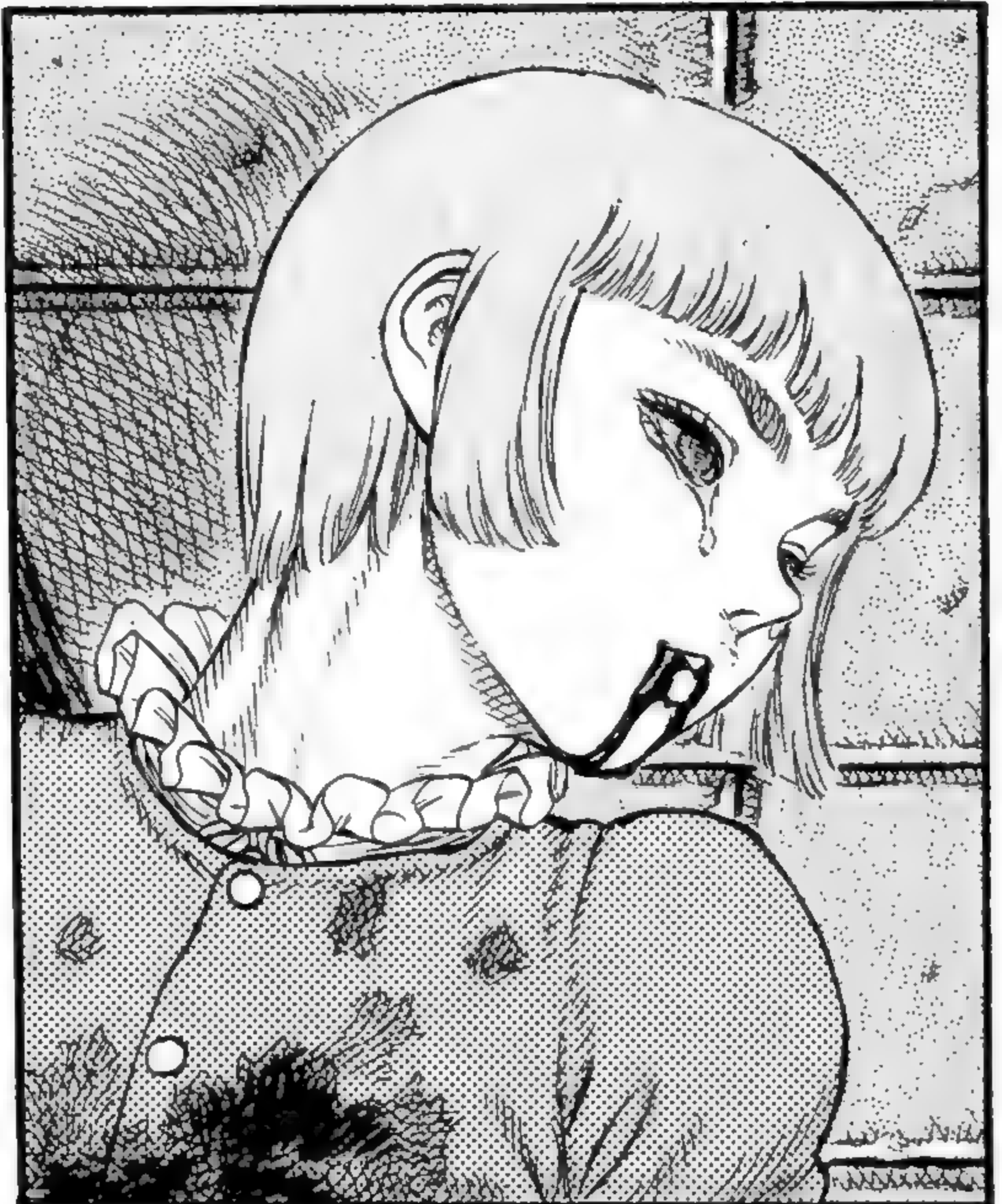
ASSASSIN (3): END

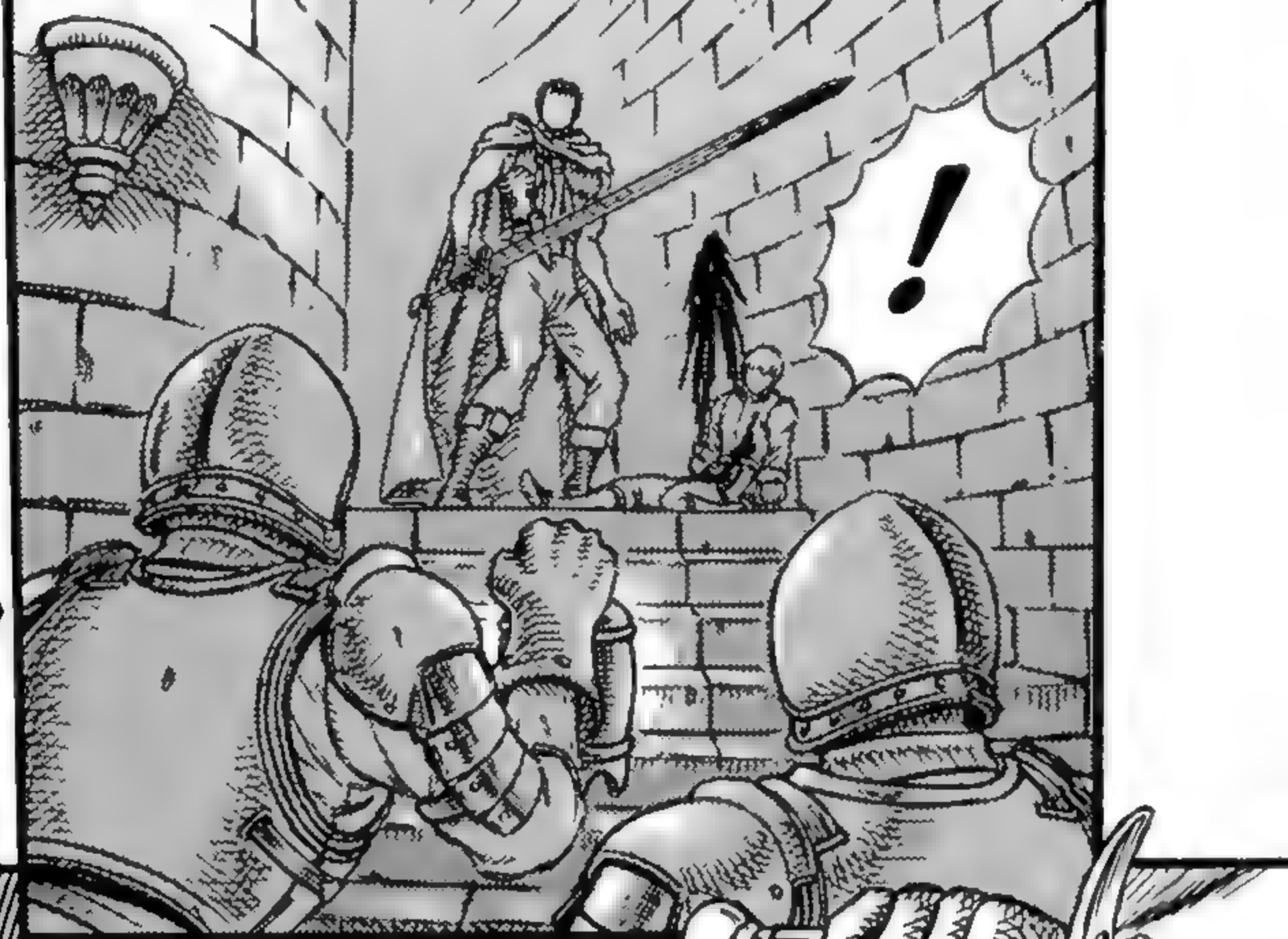














.....
.....!!



WHAT
HAPPENED
?!

WHAT'S
THIS
LUPROAR
?!



A ROBBER
BROKE
INTO HIS
HIGHNESS'
CHAMBER!!

A
ROBBER!



SAY
WHAT?!

WHA--





IN THE END, NOT
ONCE DID THIS BOY
GET TO MAKE
HIS FATHER
SMILE...



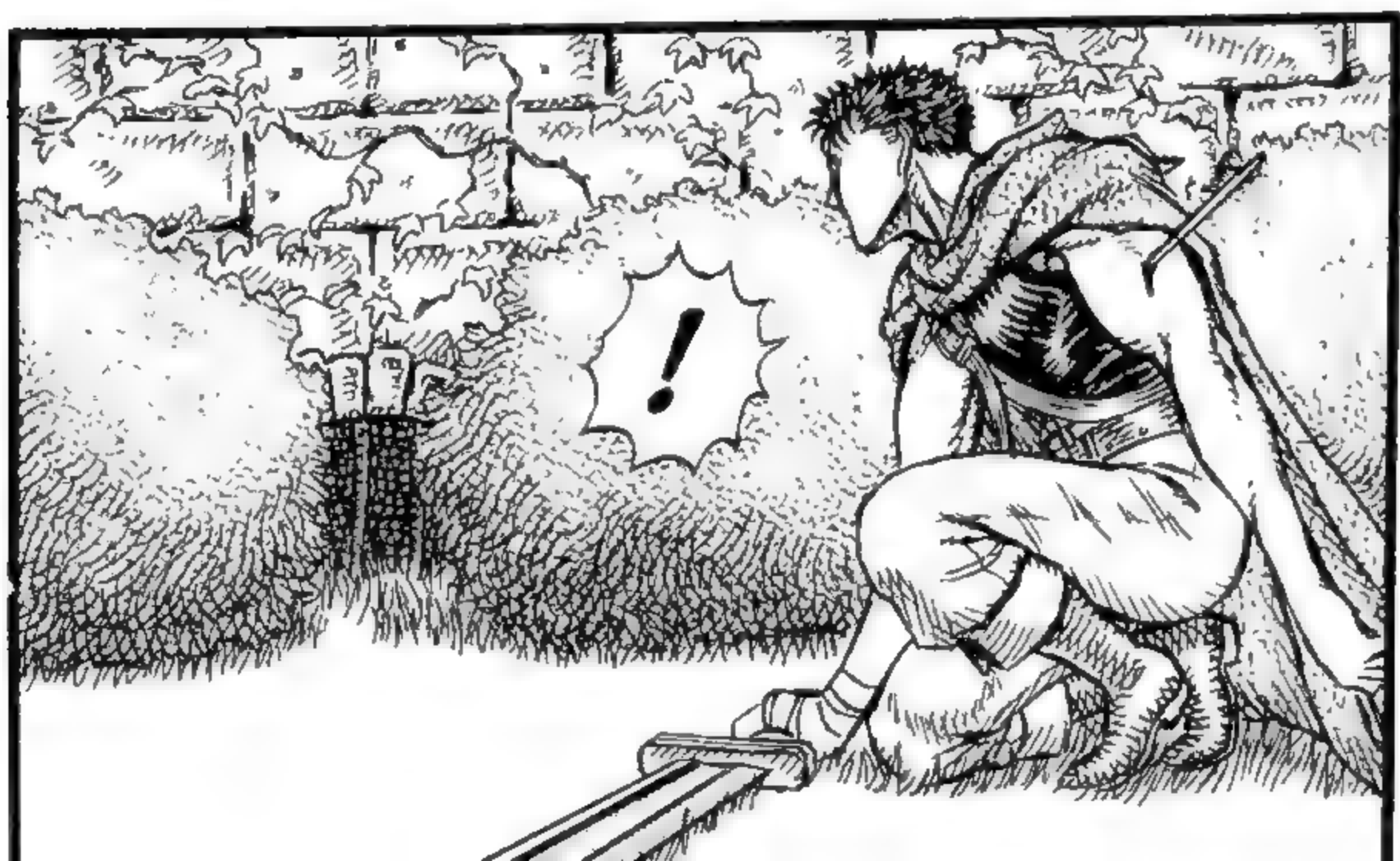
HOW
MERCI-
LESS...

...SUCH
A
YOUNG
CHILD...

MASTER
HASSAN
...



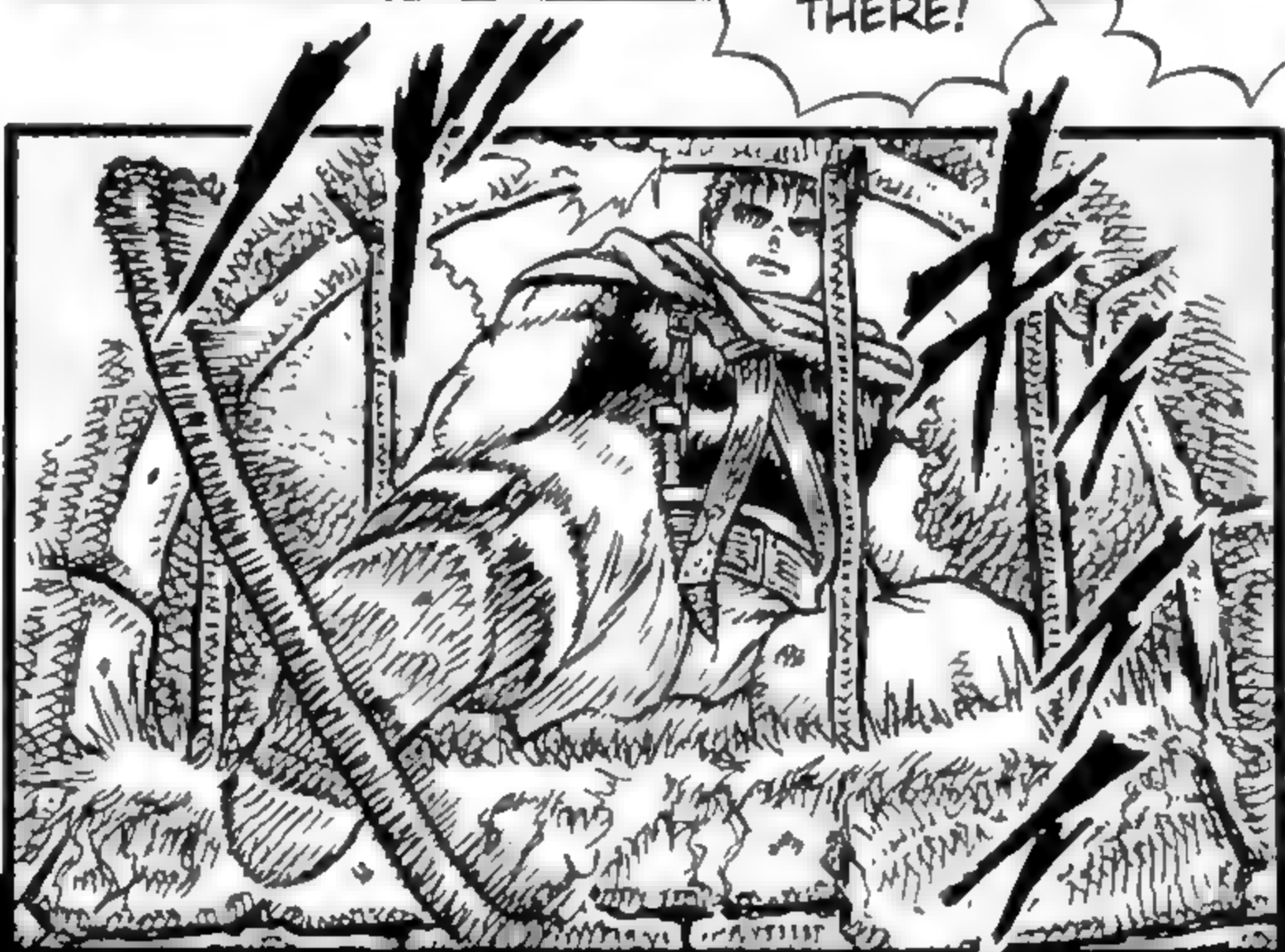






HE
FELL
OVER
THERE!

FIND
HIM!!



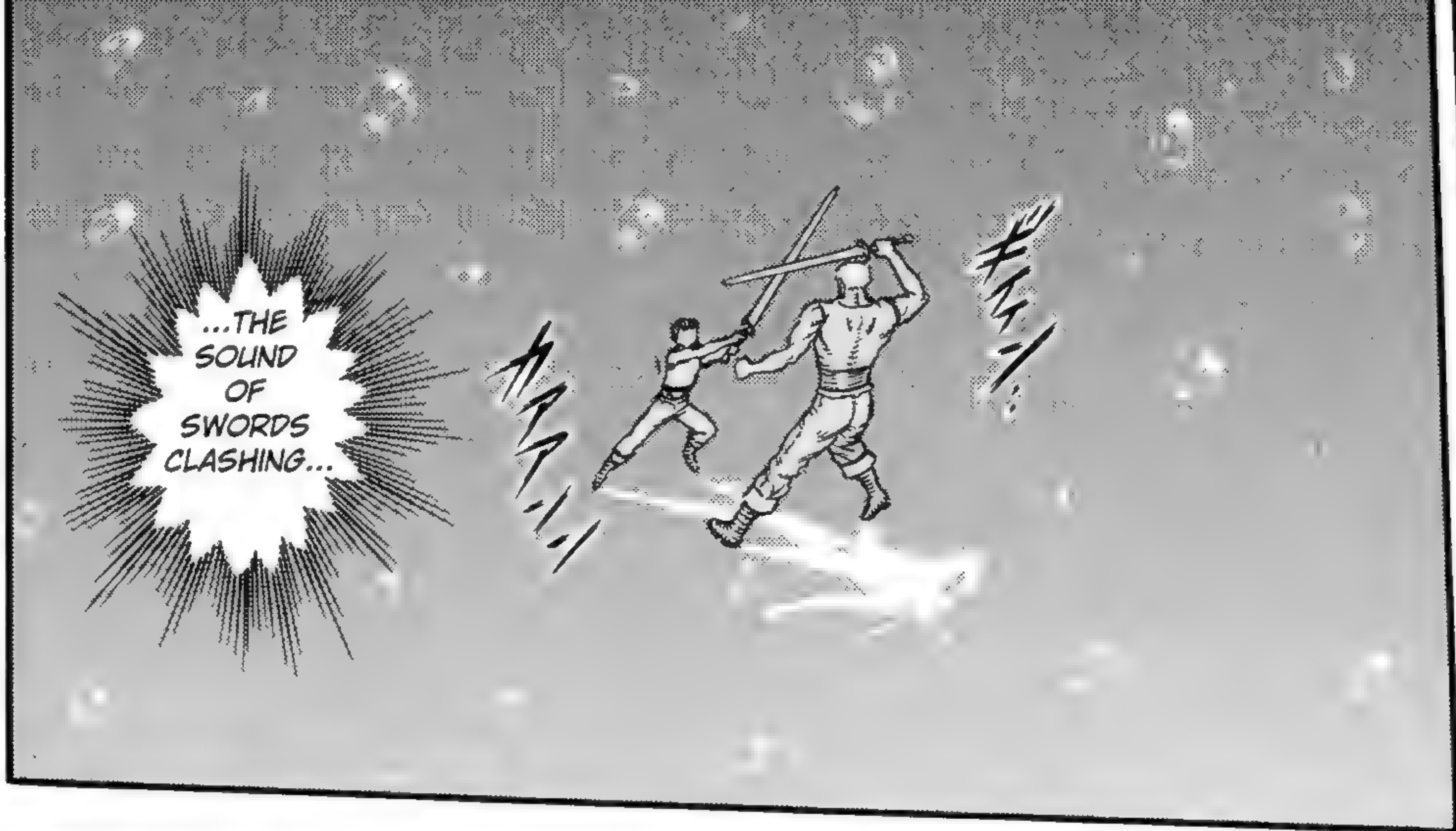
A
SEWER
...

サアアア

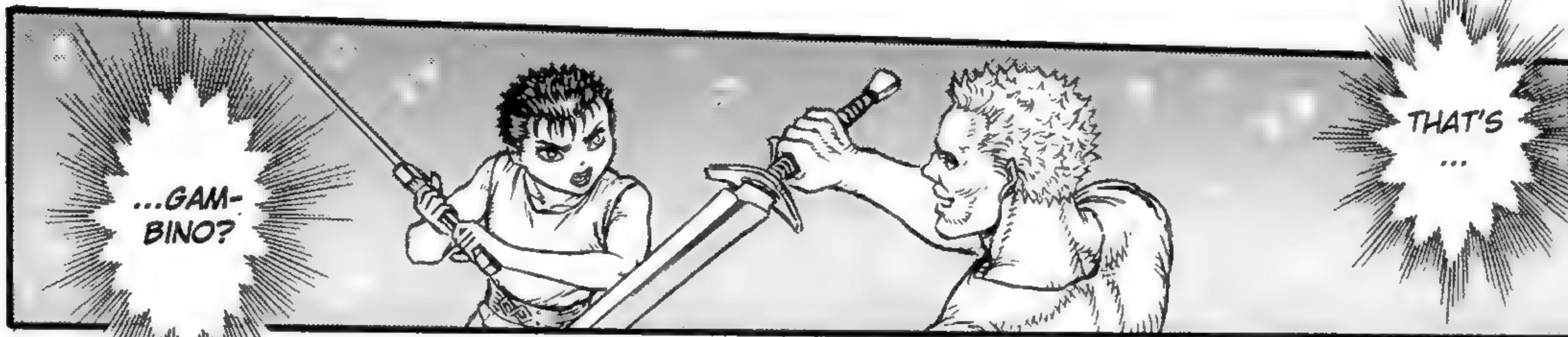


.....!!



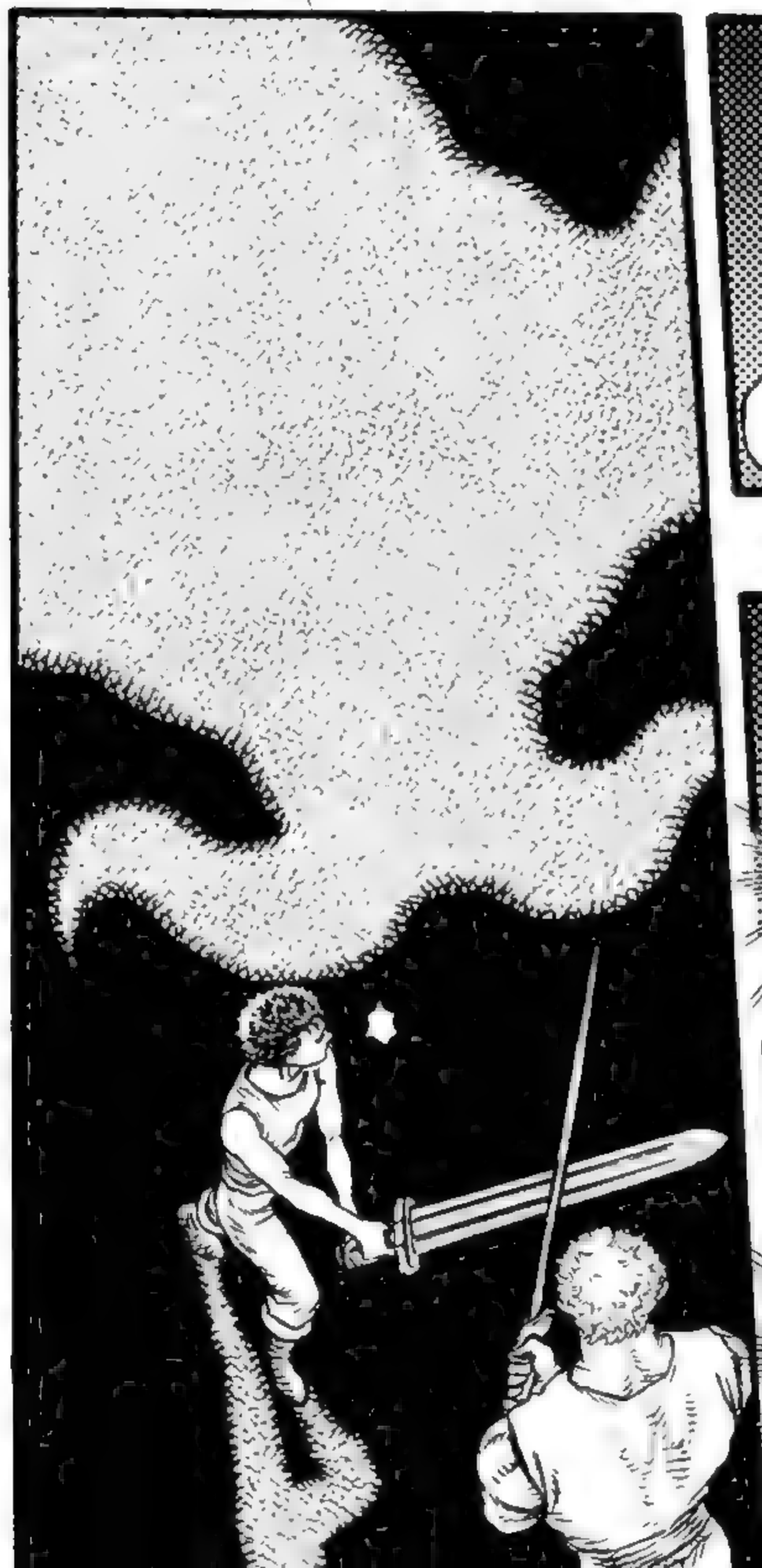


...THE
SOUND
OF
SWORDS
CLASHING...



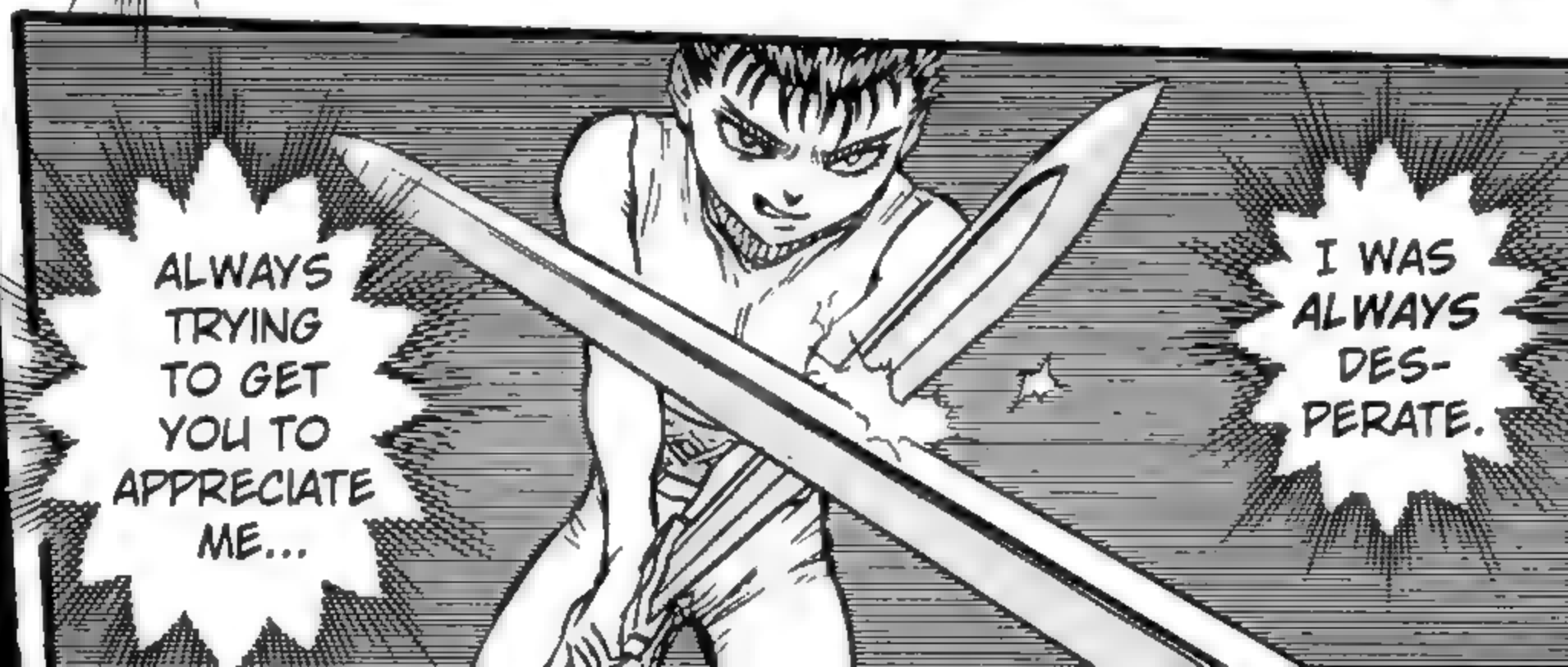
...GAM-
BINO?

THAT'S
...



...
RIGHT.

....
....



ALWAYS
TRYING
TO GET
YOU TO
APPRECIATE
ME...

I WAS
ALWAYS
DES-
PERATE.



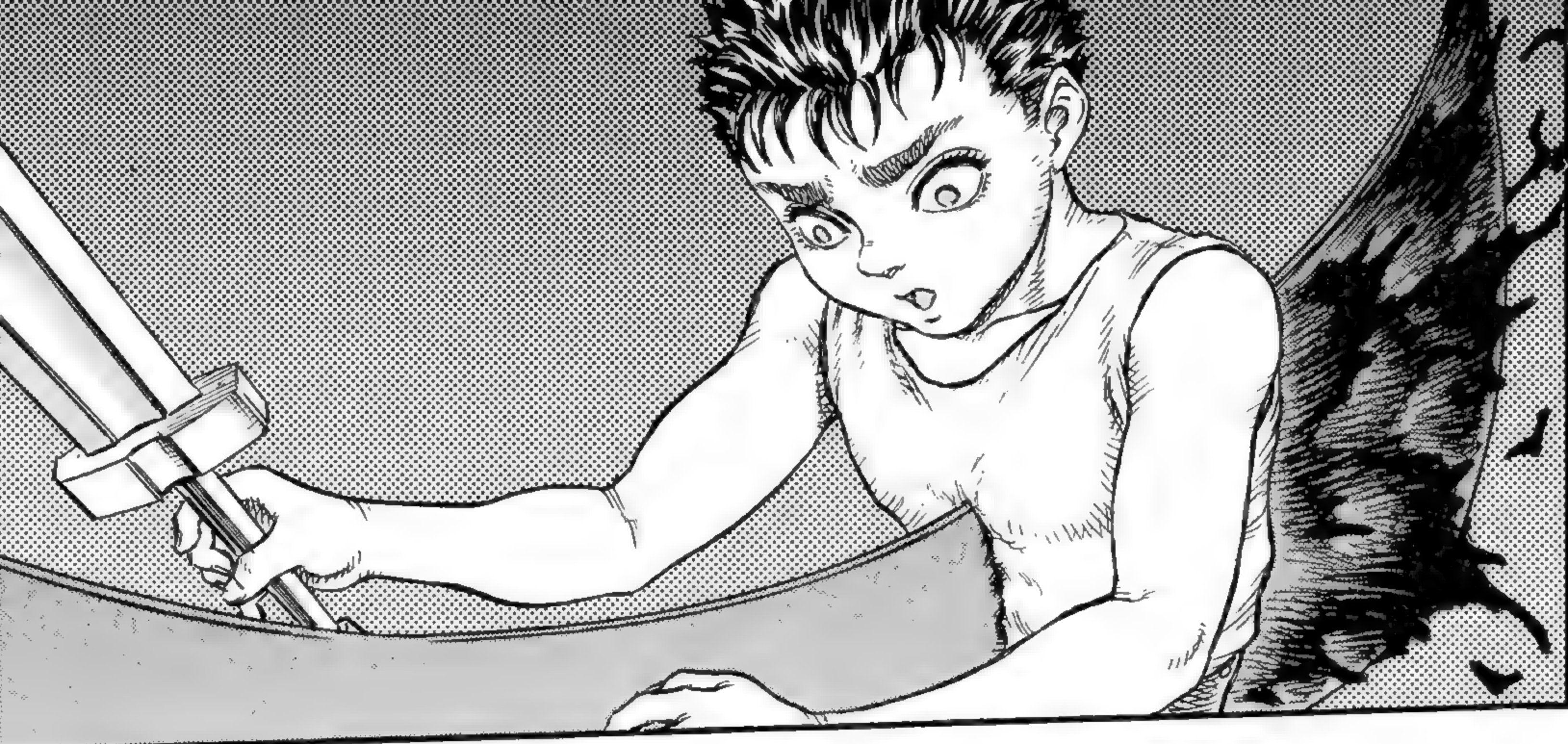


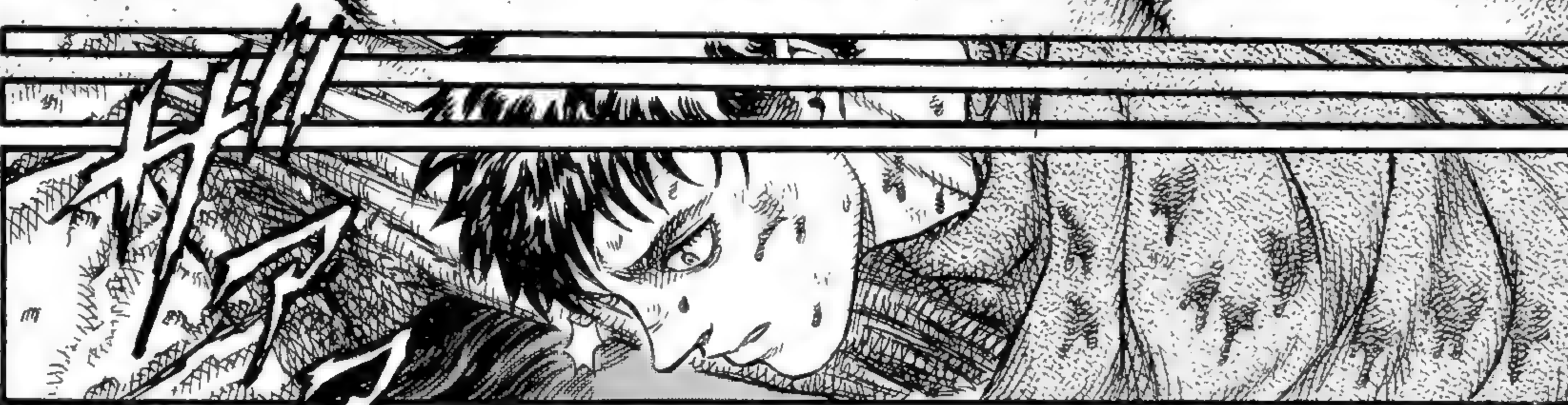
STOP!!

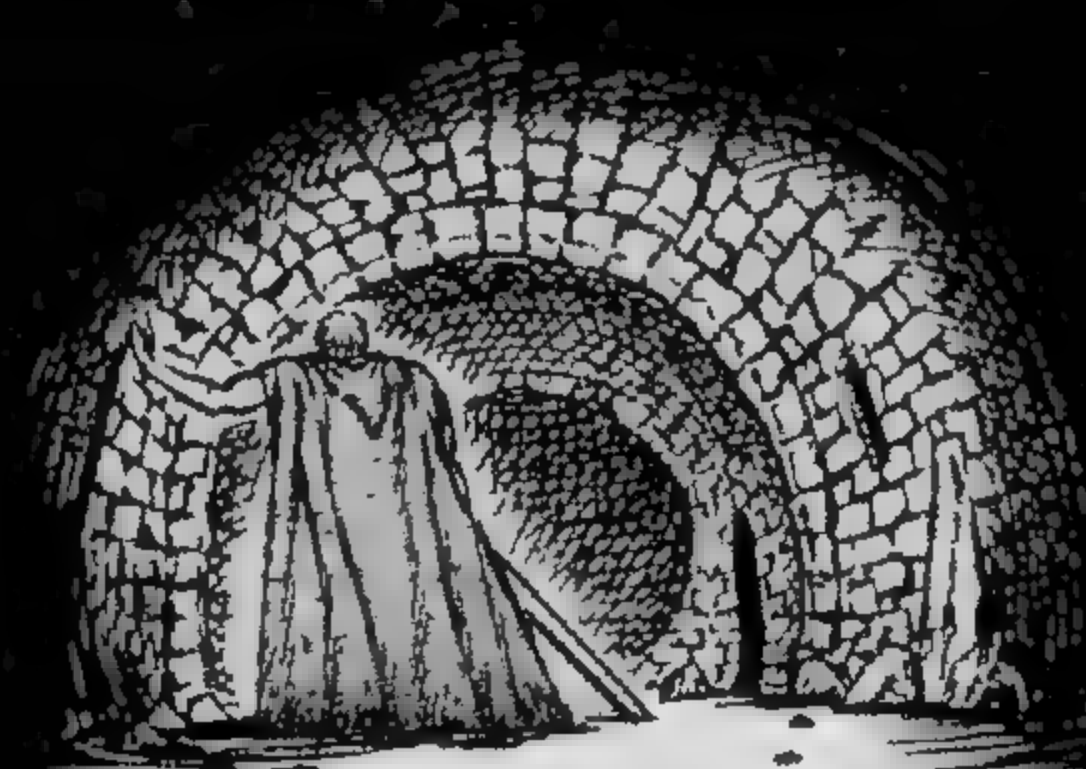
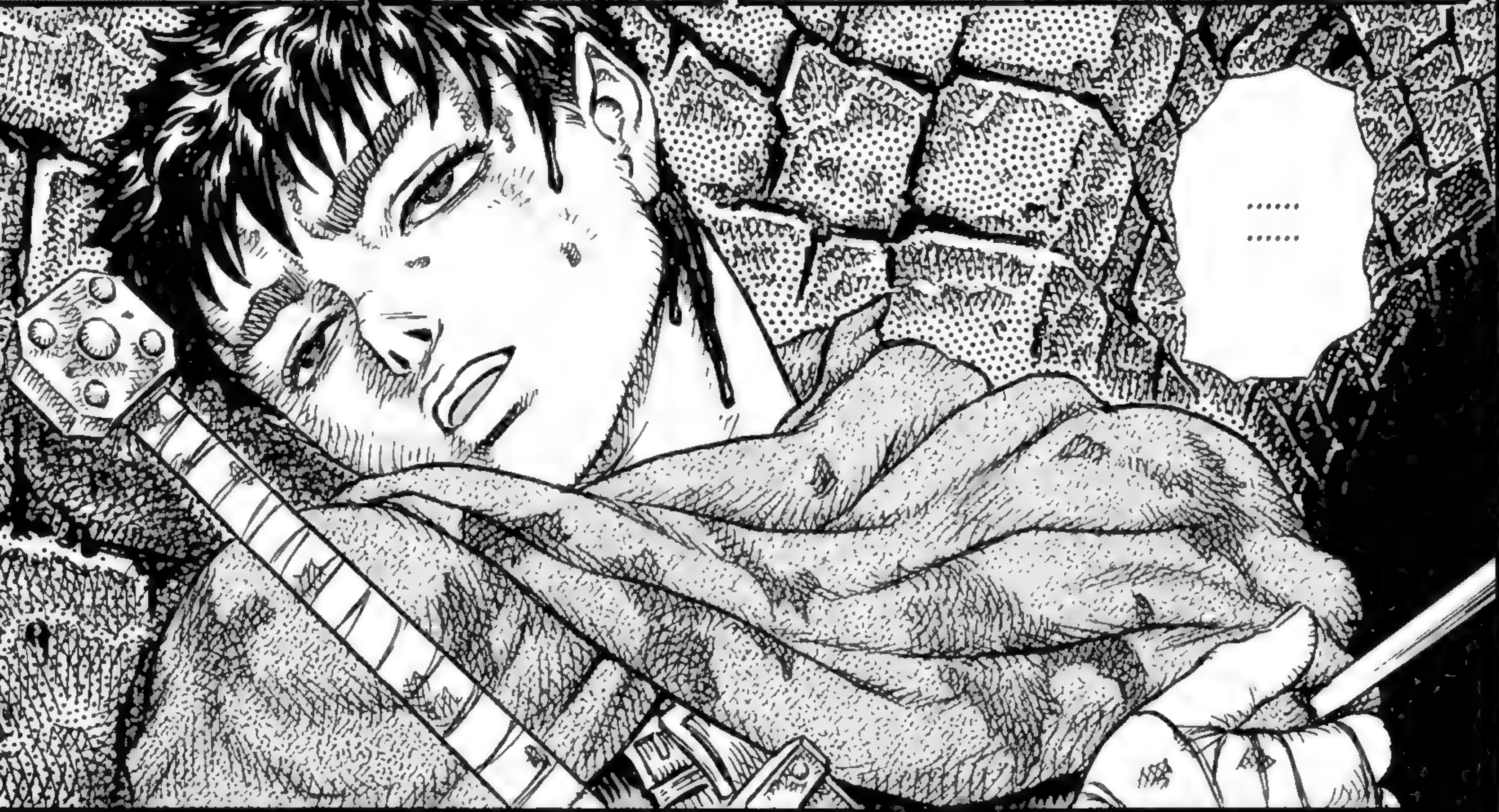


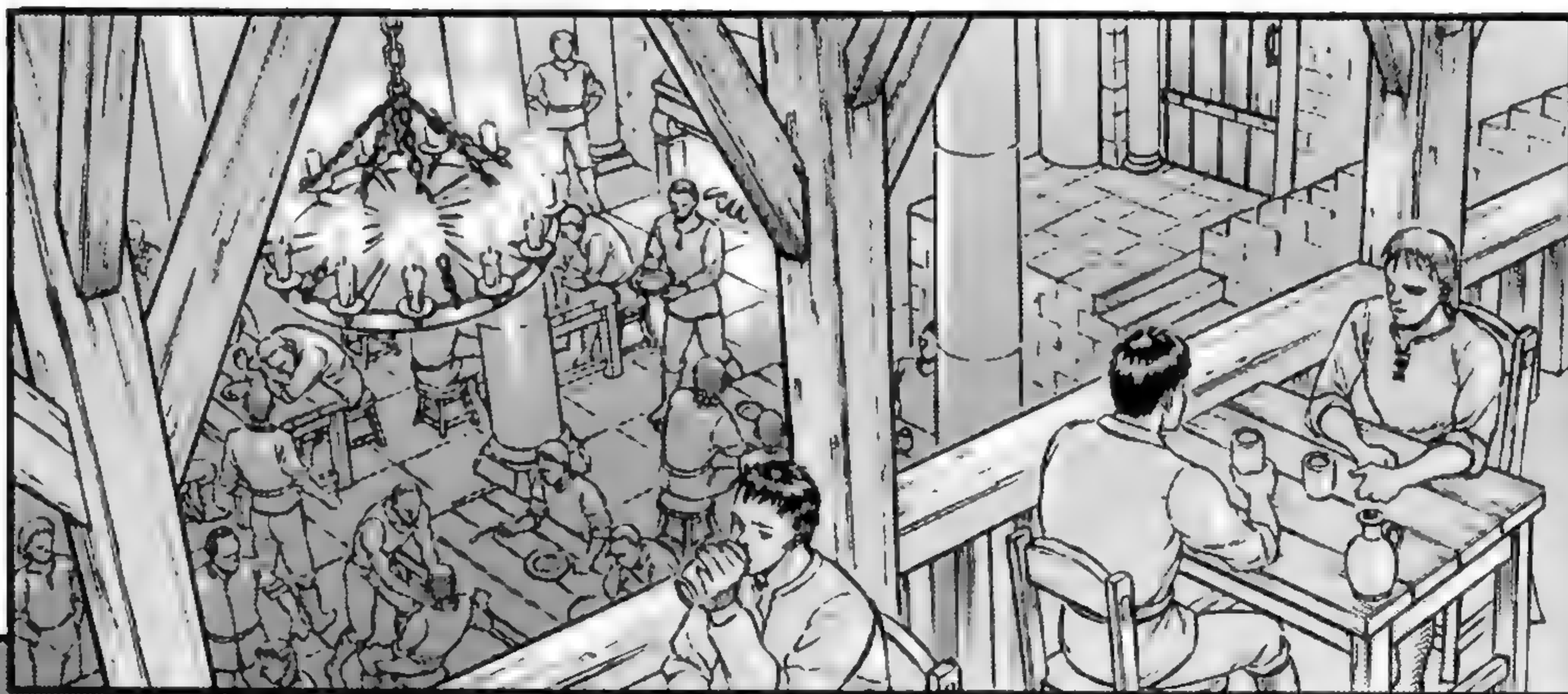
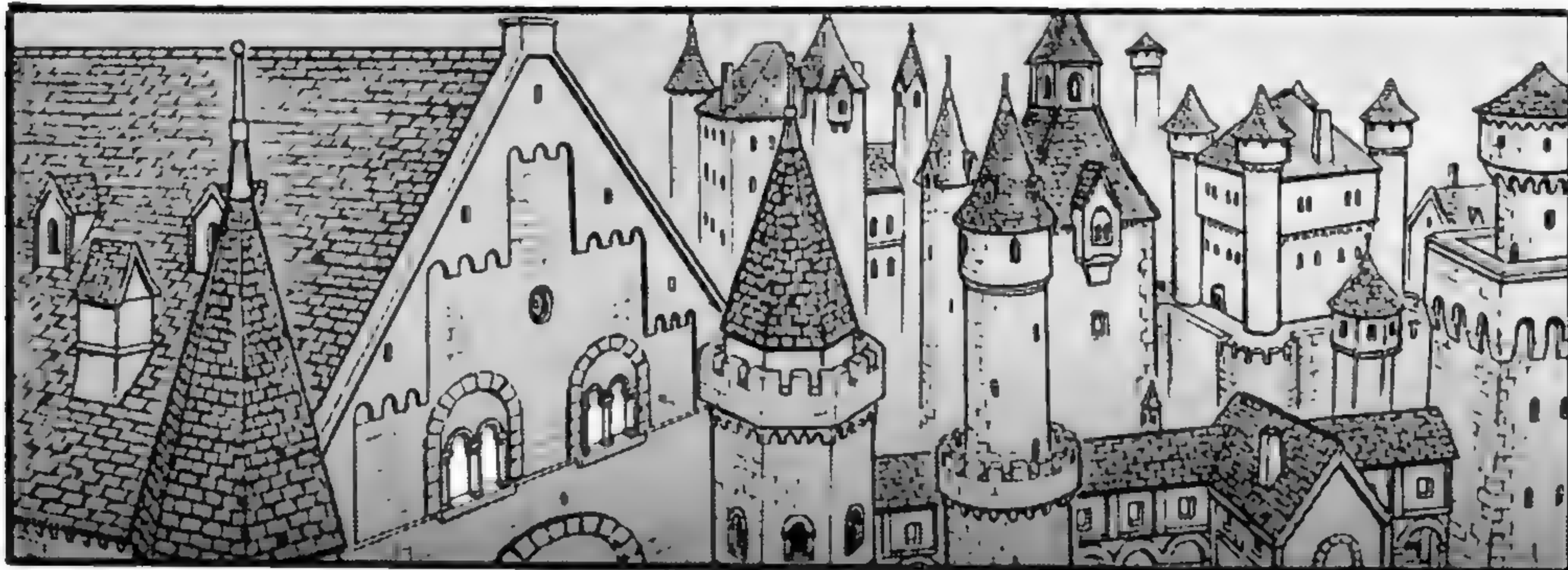
STOP IT...











IT SURE
HAS ITS
PERKS, BEIN'
A KNIGHT
COMMANDER.

I BET RIGHT NOW
GRIFFITH'S EATIN'
GOOD STUFF AT
THE PRINCESS'
DINNER PARTY.

AHHH,
MAN.







GRIFFITH
EH...?



GUTS!!
WHERE'VE
YOU BEEN
ALL DAY?!

IT'S BEEN
A ROUGH
DAY
THANKS
TO YOU!!



DID
YOU
FALL
IN THE
MOAT
OR
SOME-
THING?

AND WHY
DO YOU
LOOK LIKE
THAT?



WHERE'S
GRIFFITH...?



HEY! I
WASN'T
FINI--

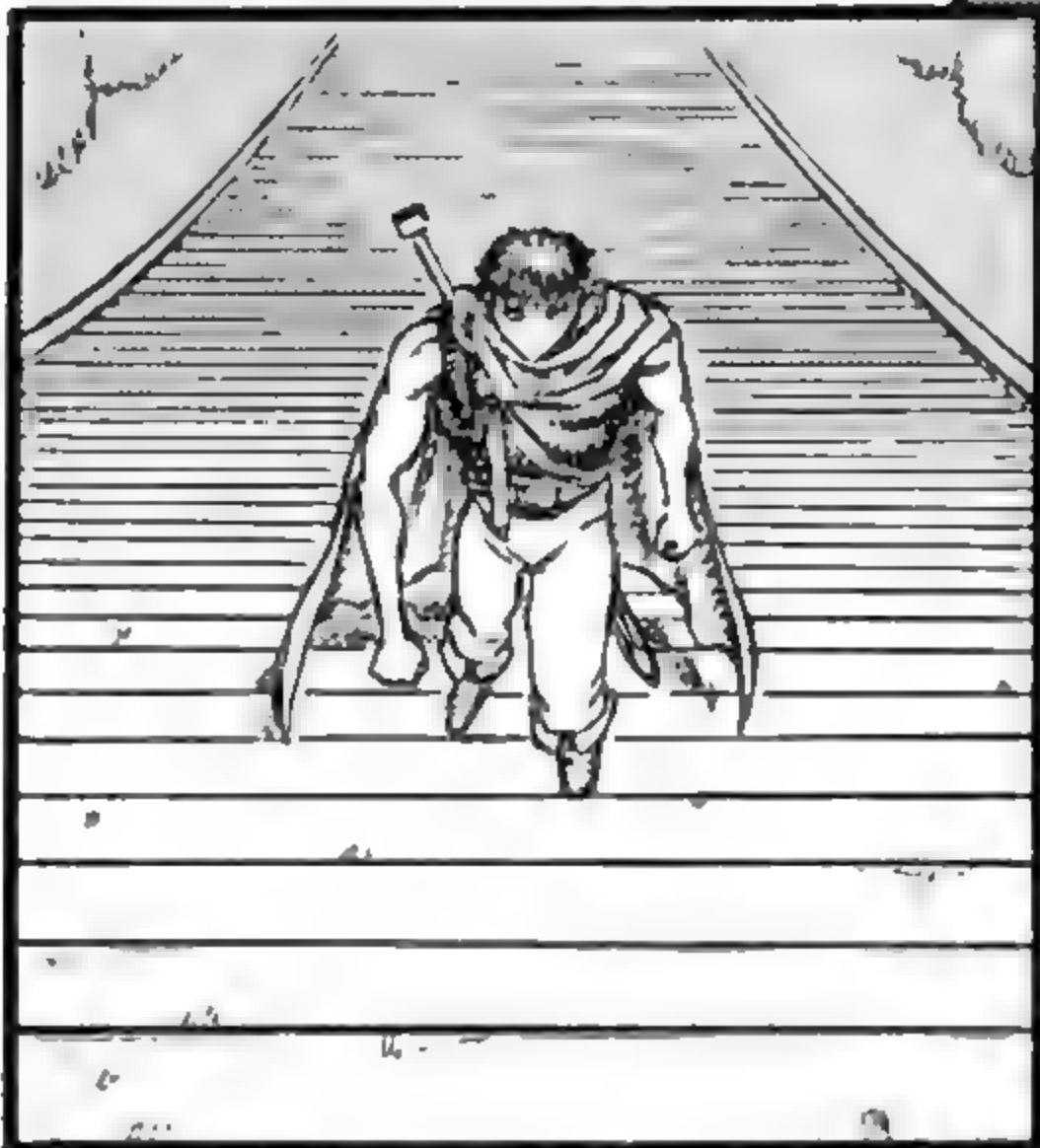
ALL
RIGHT
...

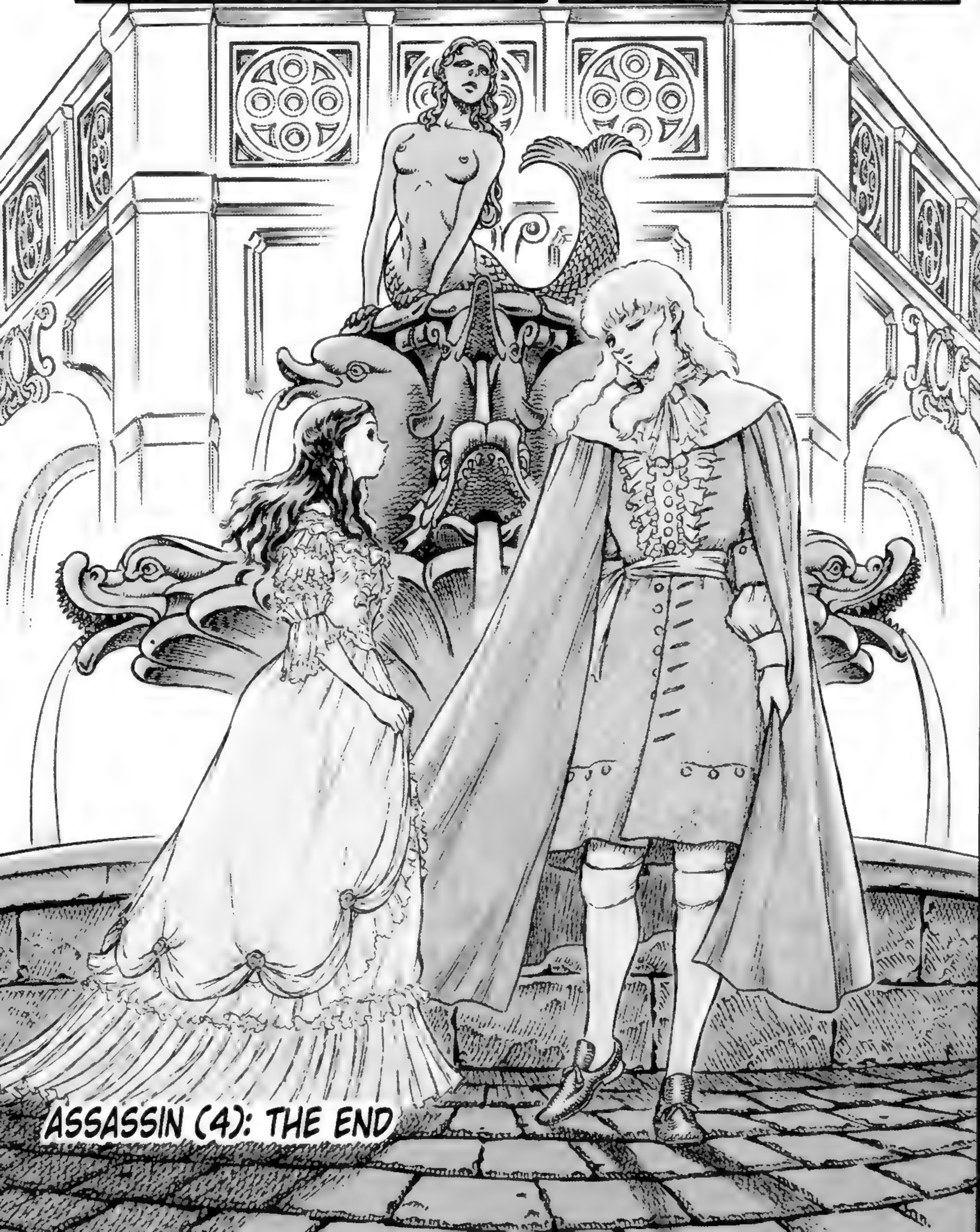
...IS AT A
DINNER
PARTY
HOSTED
BY
PRINCESS
CHARLOTTE
AT
PROMROSE
HALL...

GRIFFITH...

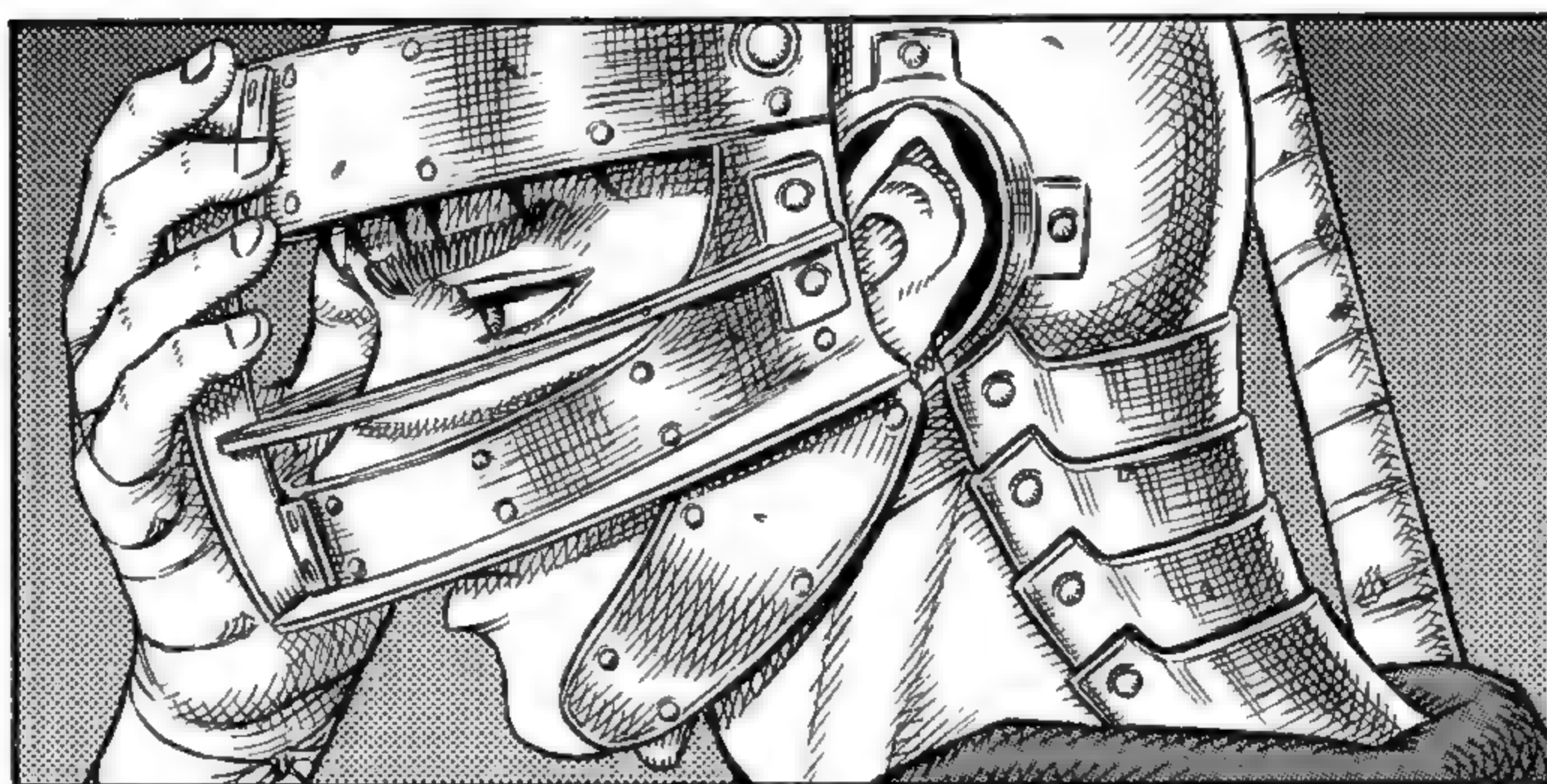


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ASSASSIN (4): THE END



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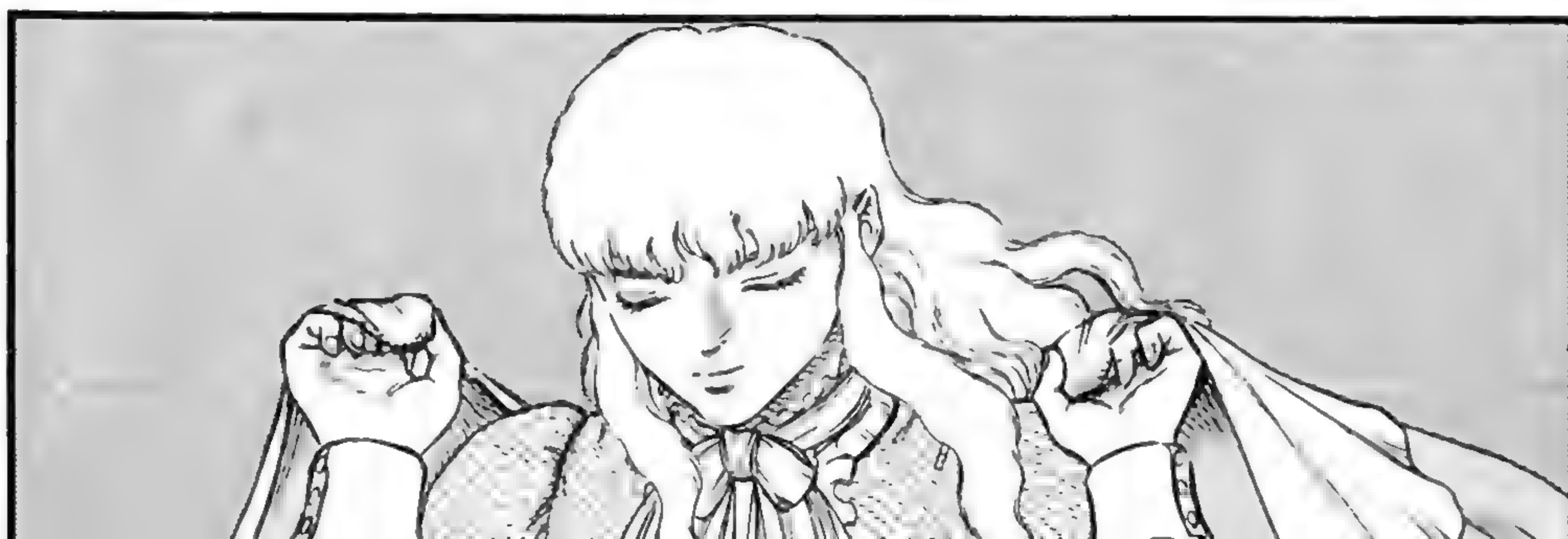
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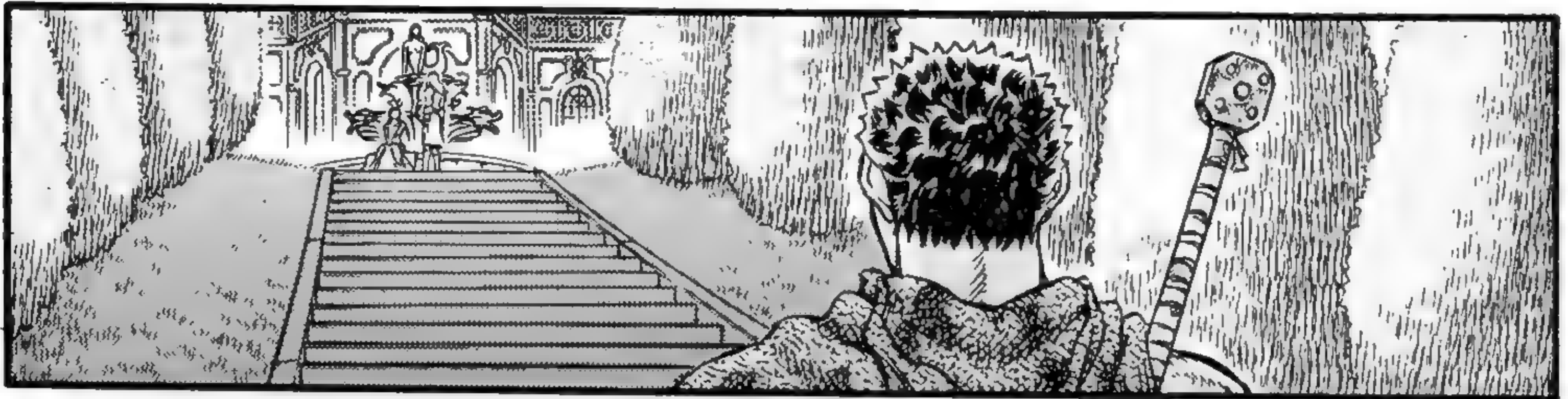
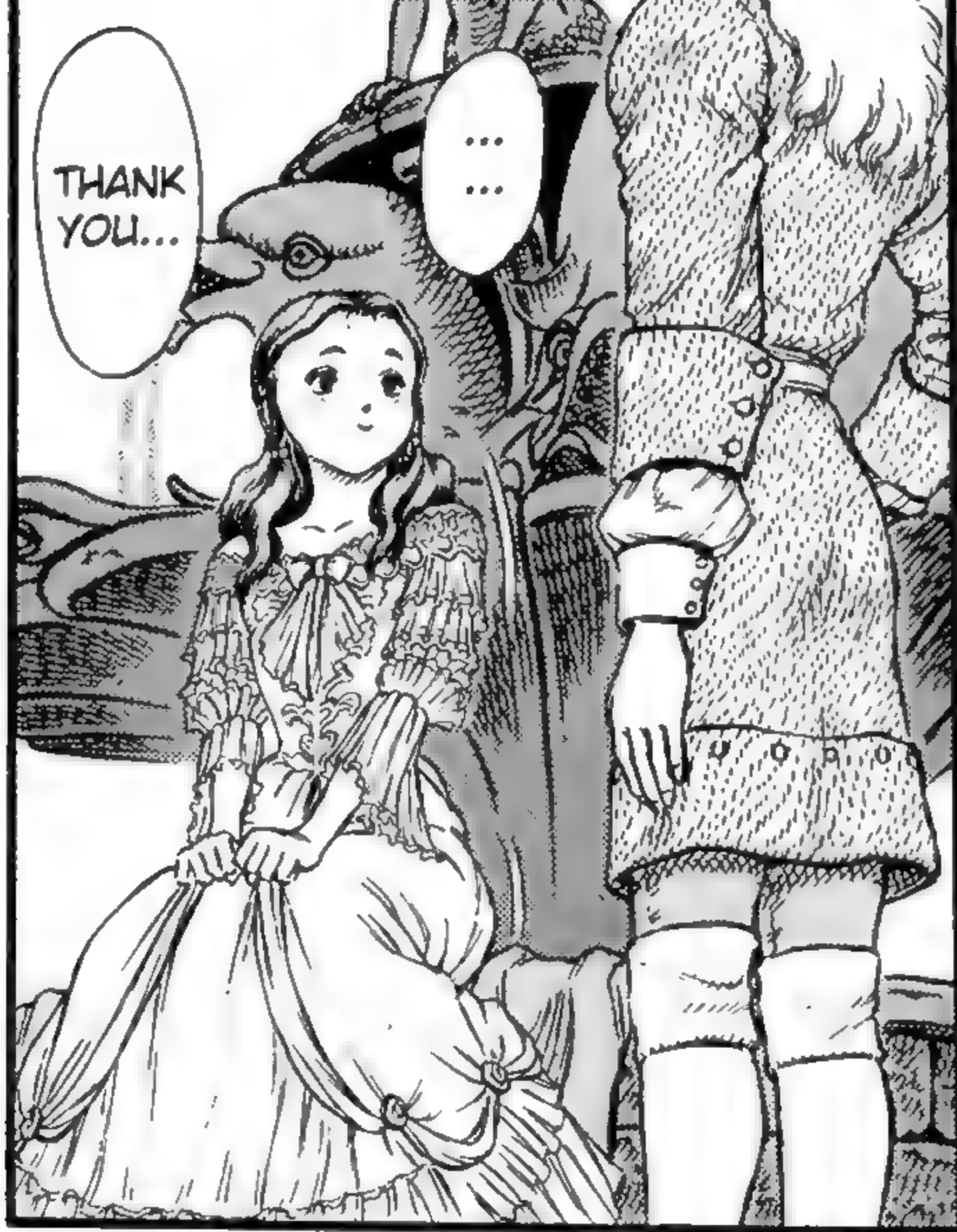
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**PRECIOUS
THING**









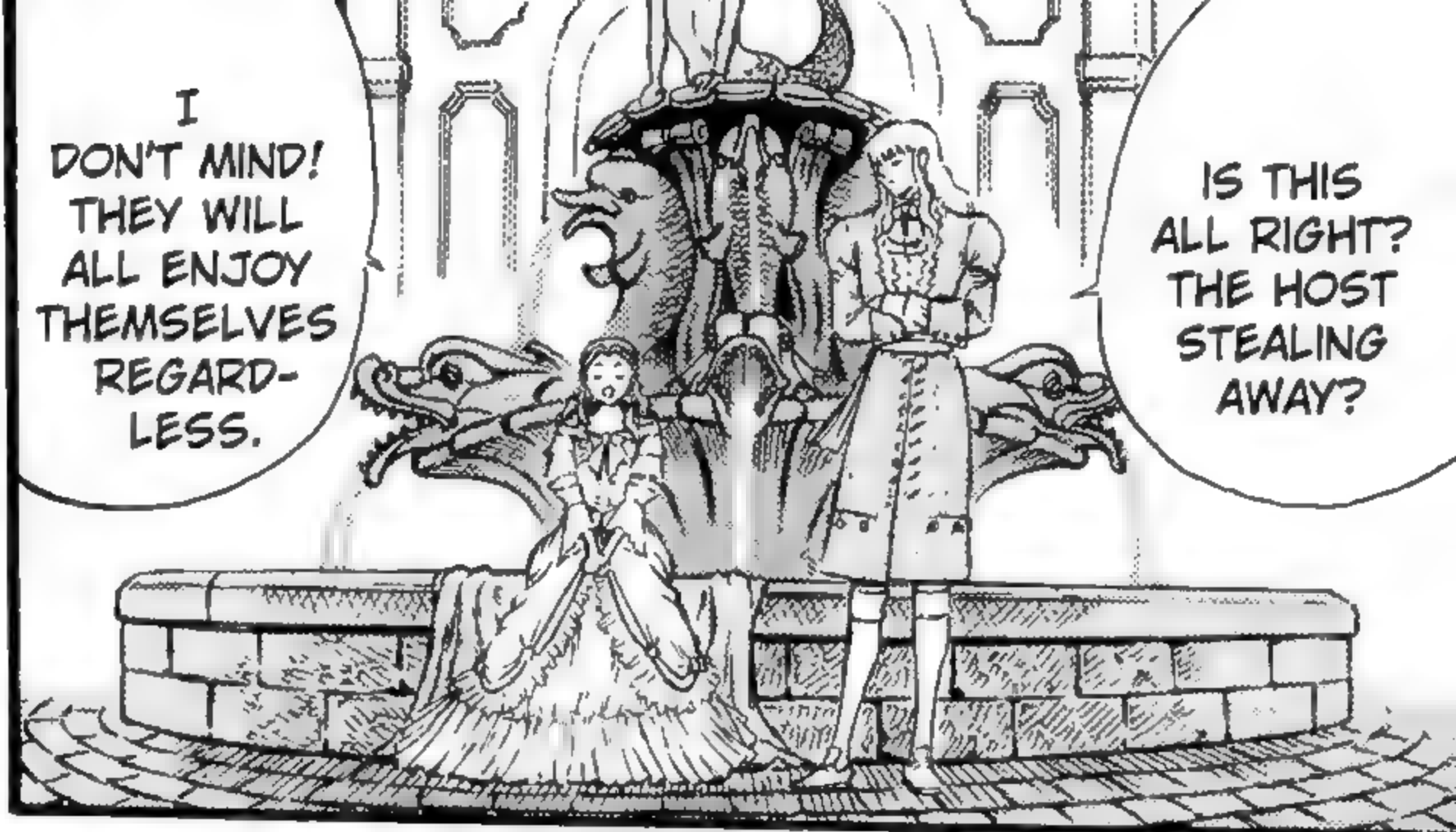
DON'T
EMBARRASS
GRIFFITH.

YOU
MEAN
TO GO UP
THERE
LIKE
THAT?





BESIDES, IN REALITY...TONIGHT'S PARTY IS MY FATHER'S ARRANGEMENT TO DIVERT EVERYONE'S ATTENTION IN THE CASTLE EVEN BUT A TRIFLE FROM THE WEARINESS OF THE WAR.



I DON'T MIND! THEY WILL ALL ENJOY THEMSELVES REGARDLESS.

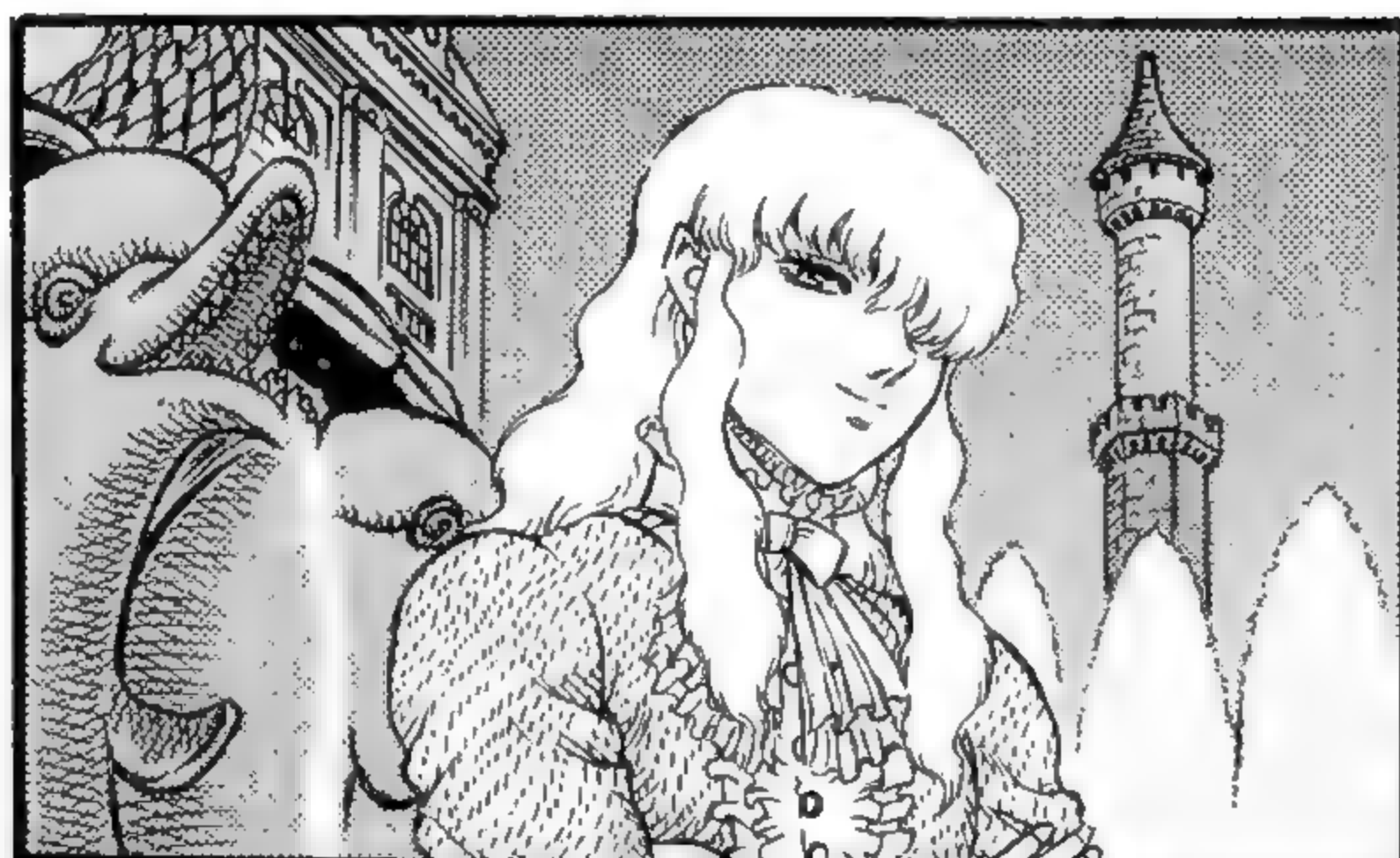
IS THIS ALL RIGHT? THE HOST STEALING AWAY?



THEY ARE JUST A BOTHER...

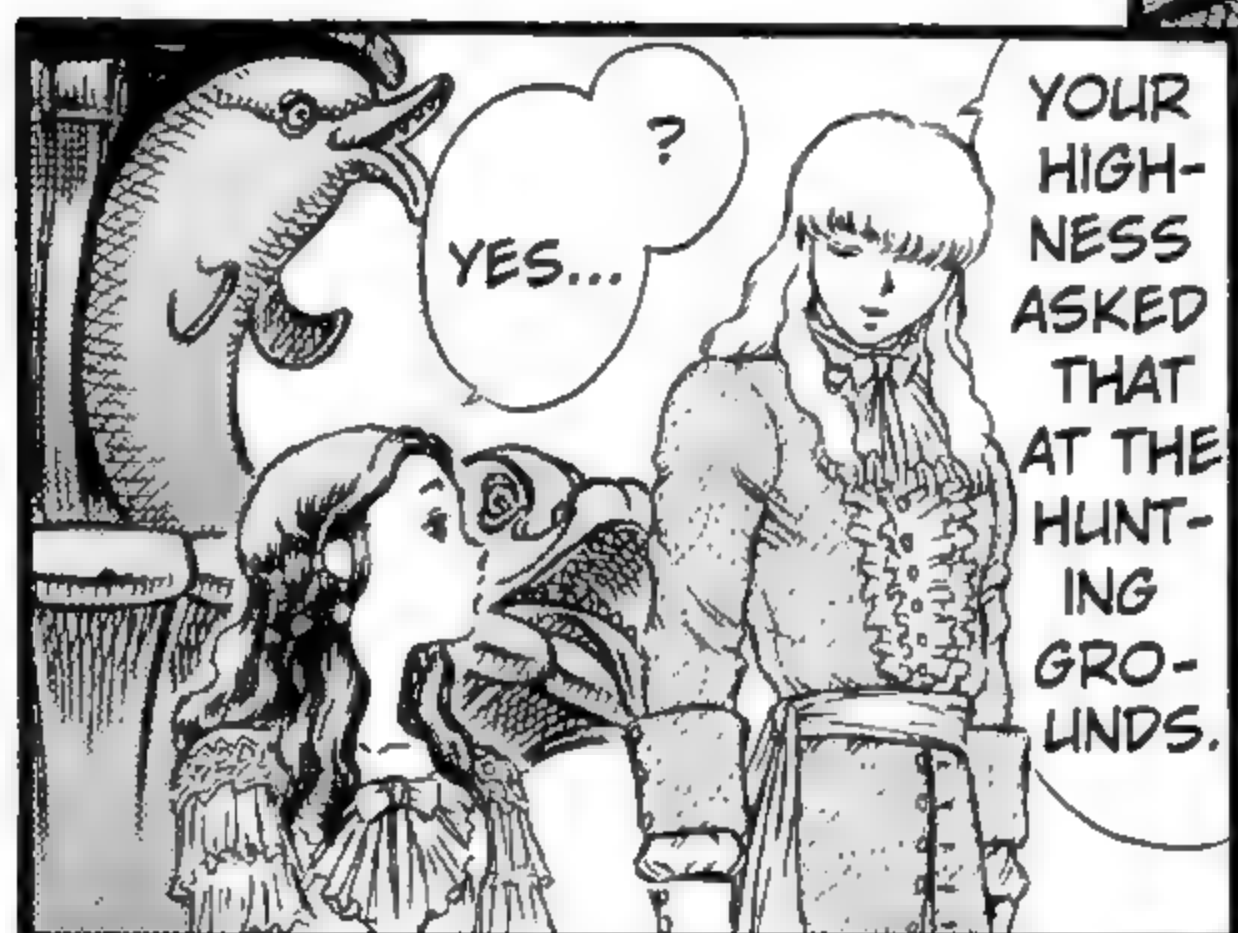
...FIND I DISLIKE THESE PARTIES.

I...



...IT WOULD BE SO MUCH BETTER JUST TO END THE WAR ITSELF.

IF WE MUST HOLD A PARTY LIKE THIS...



YES...

YOUR HIGHNESS ASKED THAT AT THE HUNTING GROUNDS.



IT COULD CERTAINLY BE THAT MEN POSSESS THAT SAVAGE SIDE.



"WHY IS IT THAT MEN ENJOY LITTLE MORE THAN SHEDDING BLOOD...?"

PRE-
CIOUS
THING?

ONE
OTHER
...

BUT
FOR A
MAN...

I
SUPPOSE
IT IS A
DOUBLE-
EDGED
SWORD.

BUT THAT
IS A TOOL
BY WHICH
THEY
SECURE
AND
PROTECT
A
PRECIOUS
THING...

LIKE
FAMILY...
OR A
SWEET-
HEART...?

...
PRECIOUS
THING?

THERE
ARE
SOME
LIKE
THAT.

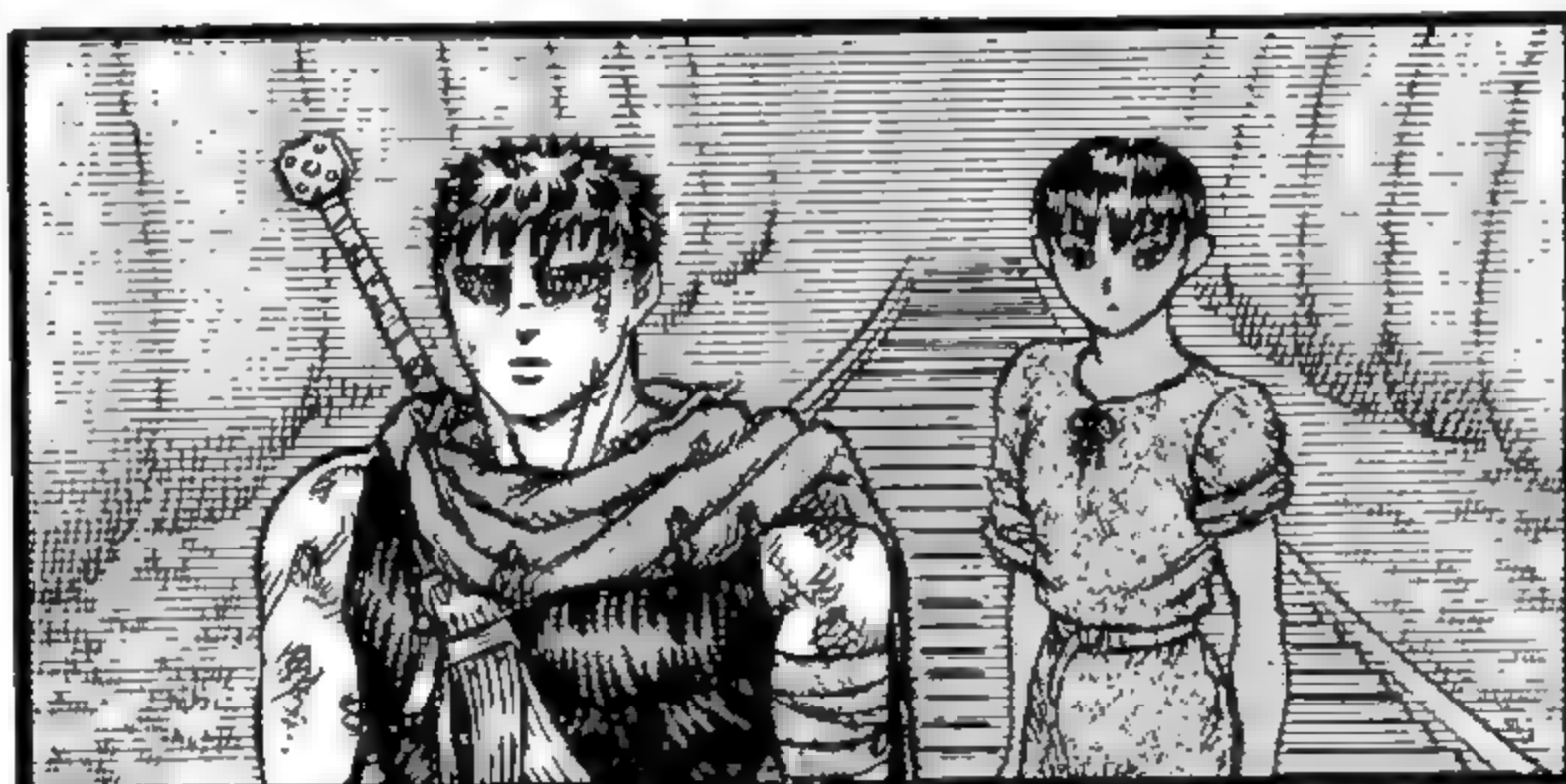
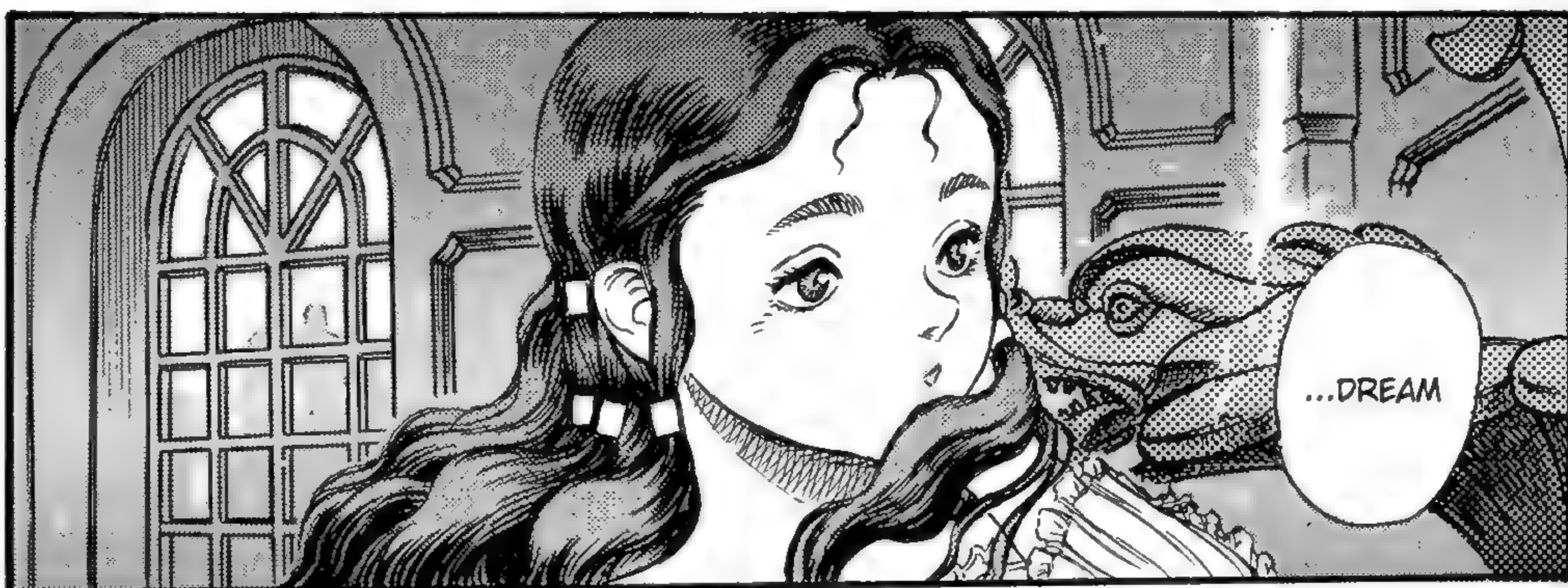
PERHAPS
HE MUST
COME UPON
ONE OTHER
PRECIOUS
THING.

BEFORE
HE CAN
OBTAIN
THOSE
TWO...

TO
ACCOMPLISH
IT FOR
HIM...FOR
HIMSELF.

A
DREAM.

FOR
NO
OTHER'S
SAKE.



A LIFE
SPENT
AS A
MARTYR...

A MAN
SHOULD
ENVISION
SUCH A
LIFETIME
ONCE.

...TO
THE
GOD
NAMED
"DREAM"...

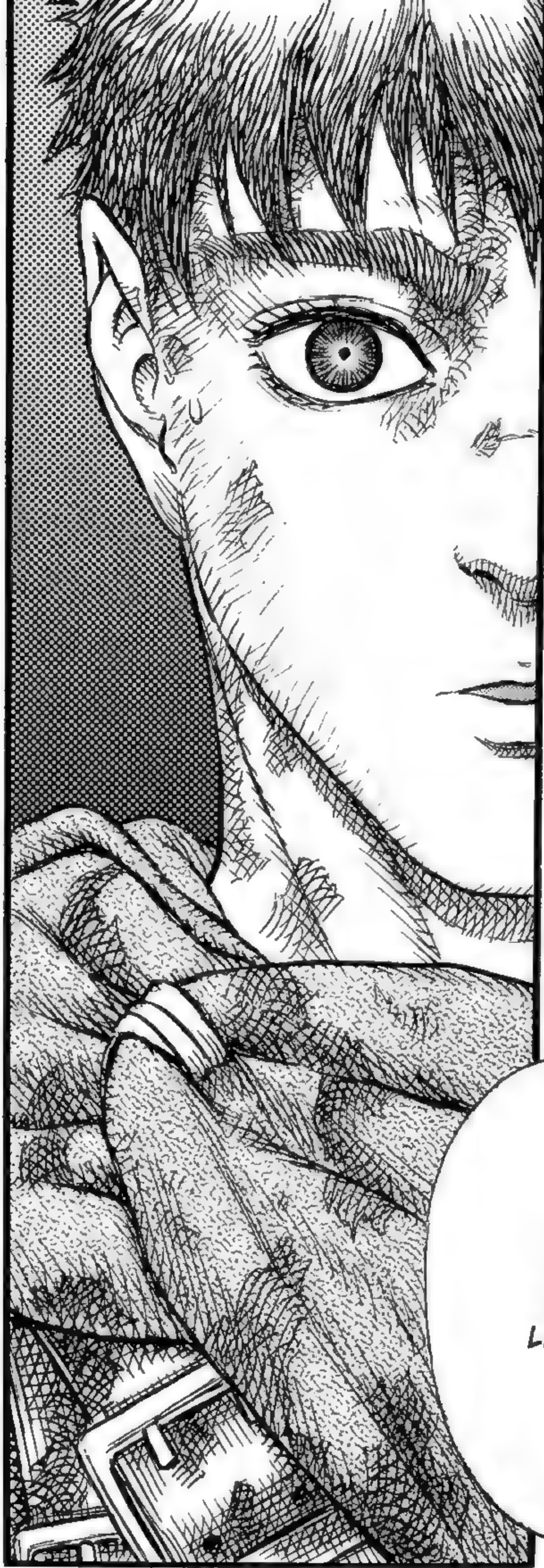
WHETHER
IT SUITS
THEM OR
NOT, PEOPLE
YEARN FOR
A DREAM.

WITH NO
RELATION
TO SOCIAL
STATUS,
CLASS...
BACK-
GROUND.

SUSTAINED BY
A DREAM, HURT
BY A DREAM,
REVIVED BY A
DREAM, KILLED
BY A DREAM.

AND EVEN AFTER
BEING ABANDONED
BY A DREAM, IT
CONTINUES TO SMOLDER
FROM THE BOTTOM
OF ONE'S HEART...
PROBABLY UNTIL THE
VERGE OF DEATH...





AND TO
THEN
SIMPLY
LIVE
FOR NO
BETTER
REASON...

...ULTIMATELY
TO BE BORN,

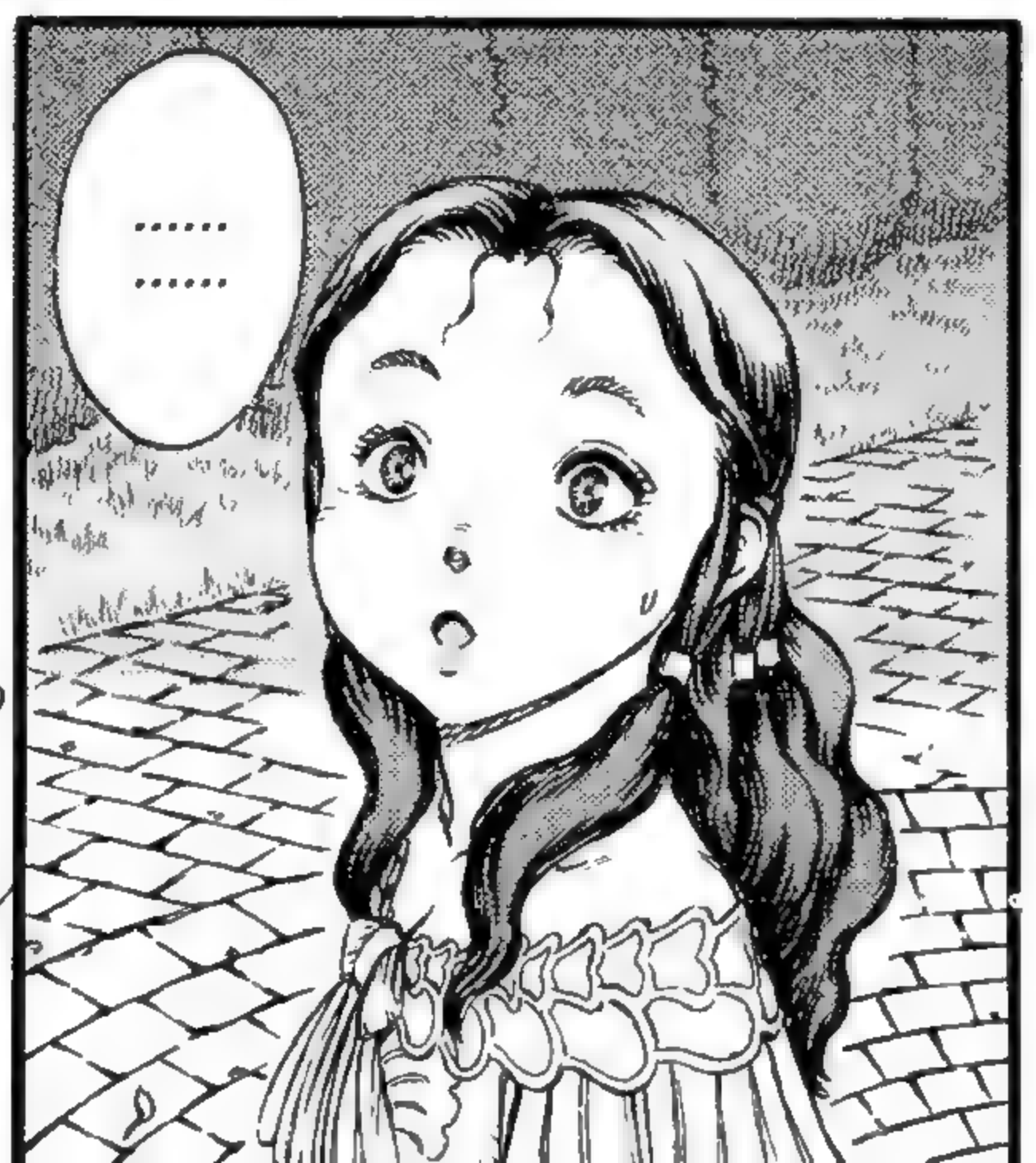
I CAN'T
ABIDE
SUCH A
LIFESTYLE.



N...
NO!!

IT MUST HAVE
BEEN A BORING
TOPIC
FOR A
LADY.

FORGIVE
ME, I'VE
CHATTERED
ON SO.



...THIS IS
THE FIRST
TIME I HAVE
EVER TALKED
WITH A MAN
THIS WAY.

THIS...

THE FIRST TIME I
EVER LAID EYES ON
YOU, I THOUGHT
YOU WERE THE
SON OF SOME
ARISTOCRAT.
YOU SEEMED SO
MAGNIFICENT
FOR SOMEONE
SO YOUNG.

WHEN I HEARD THAT YOU
WERE COMMON-BORN, IT WAS
VERY DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE.
SOMEHOW...IT IS AS IF...YOU
ARE NOBLER THAN ANY OF
THE NOBLES IN THIS CASTLE.

...YOU
ARE A
WOND-
ROUS
PERSON.

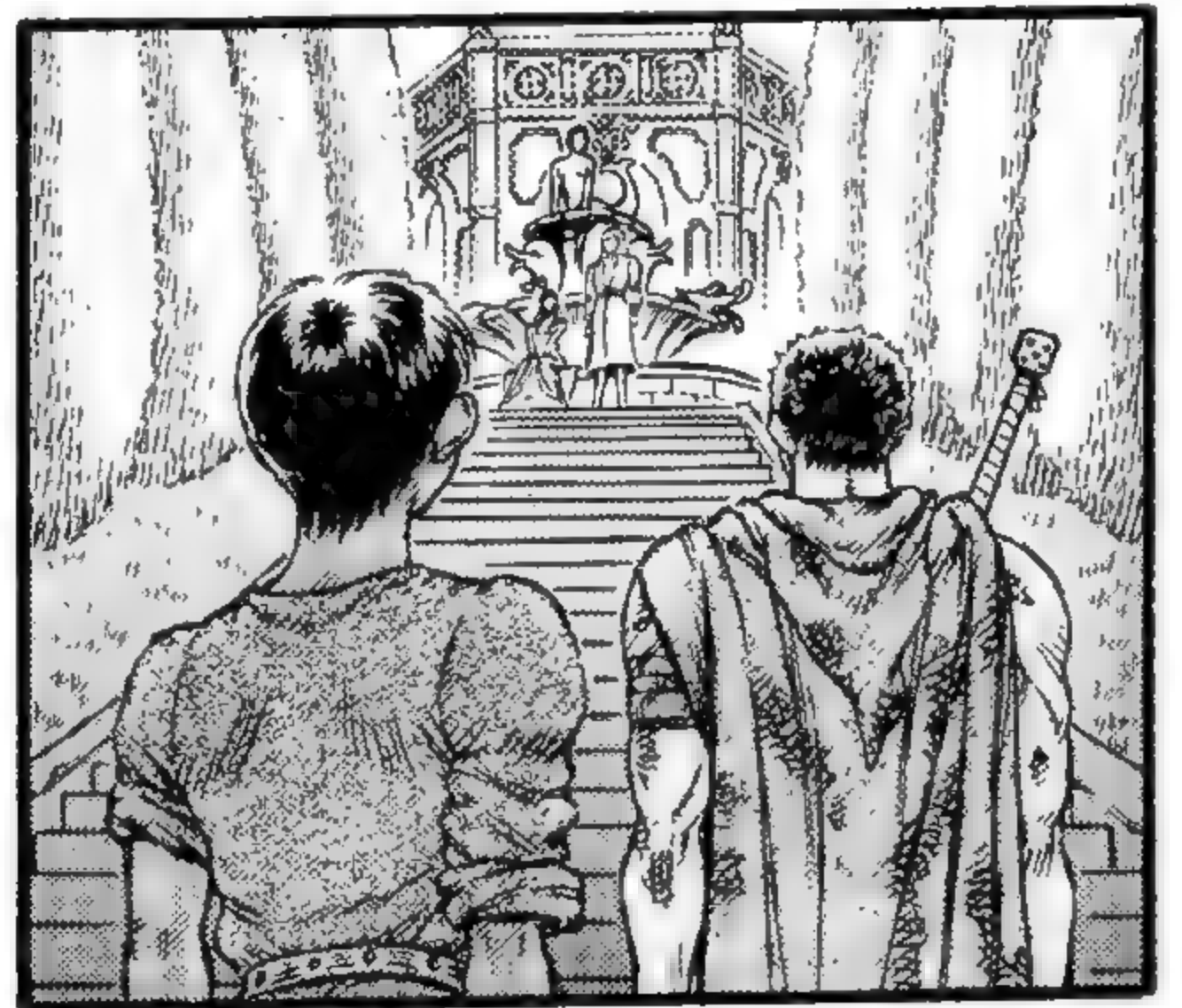
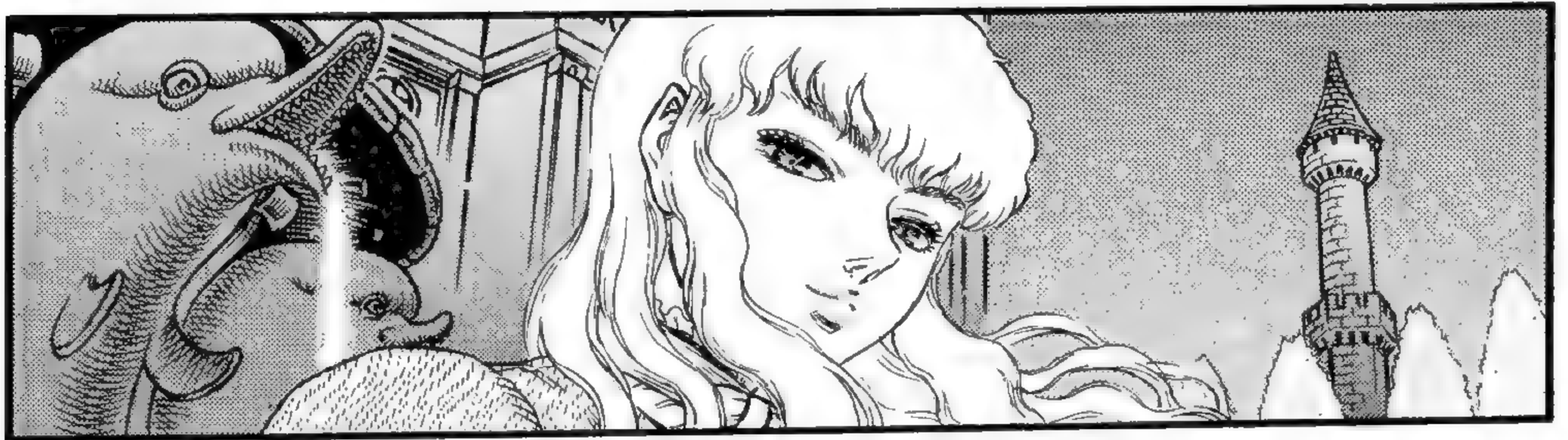
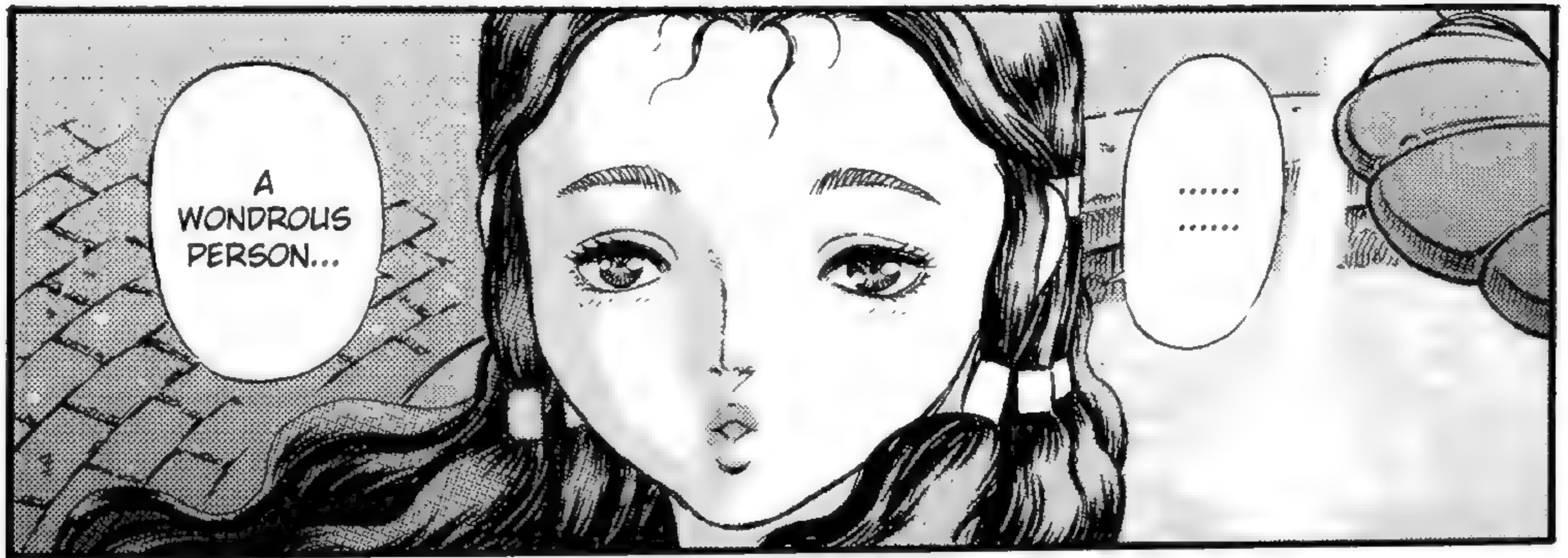
LORD
GRIFFITH
...

...YOU
SAY THE
KINDS OF
THINGS
TO ME A
PHILO-
SOPHER
WOULD
SAY.

AND
RIGHT
NOW
...

YOU WERE
JUST LIKE
SOME VILLAGE
CHILD USED
TO PLAYING
IN FORESTS
AND
RIVERS
...

BUT, AT THE
HUNT WHEN YOU
TAUGHT ME HOW
TO SOUND THE
REED WHISTLE,
YOU SEEMED
VERY...SIMPLE
AND CAREFREE
...



THEY ARE
MY VALUABLE
COMRADES,
DEVOTING THEM-
SELVES TO THE
DREAM I
ENVISION...

TOGETHER
WE HAVE
FACED DEATH
SO MANY
TIMES.

THEY
ARE...

...
EXCELL-
ENT
TROOPS.

.....
.....



SOMEONE
WHO WOULD
NEVER
DEPEND
UPON
ANOTHER'S
DREAM...

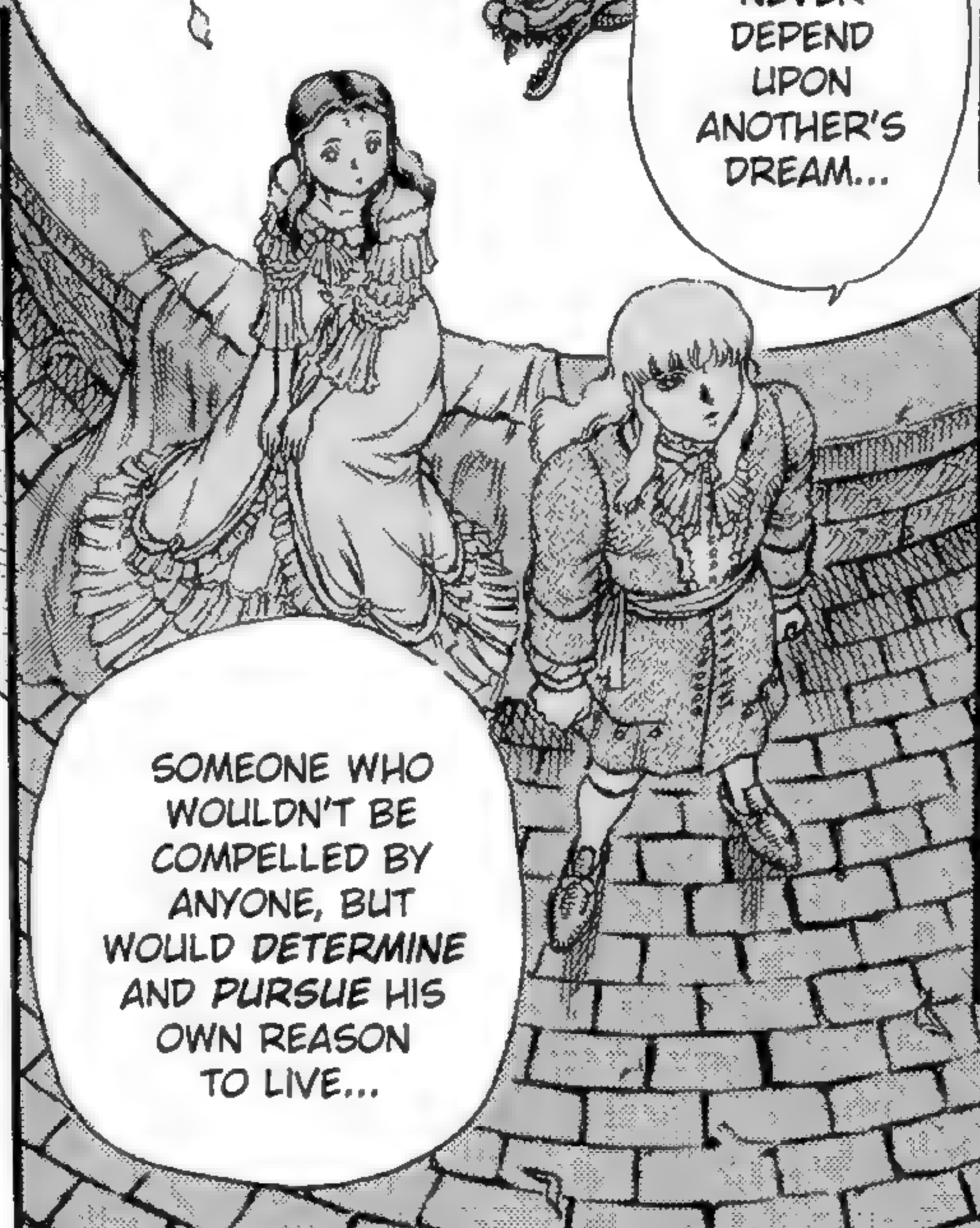


TO
ME, A
FRIEND
IS...

...BUT...



AND SHOULD ANYONE
TRAMPLE THAT DREAM,
HE WOULD OPPOSE HIM
BODY AND SOUL...EVEN IF
THE THREAT WERE
ME MYSELF...



SOMEONE WHO
WOULDN'T BE
COMPELLED BY
ANYONE, BUT
WOULD DETERMINE
AND PURSUE HIS
OWN REASON
TO LIVE...



...SOME-
THING
ELSE.

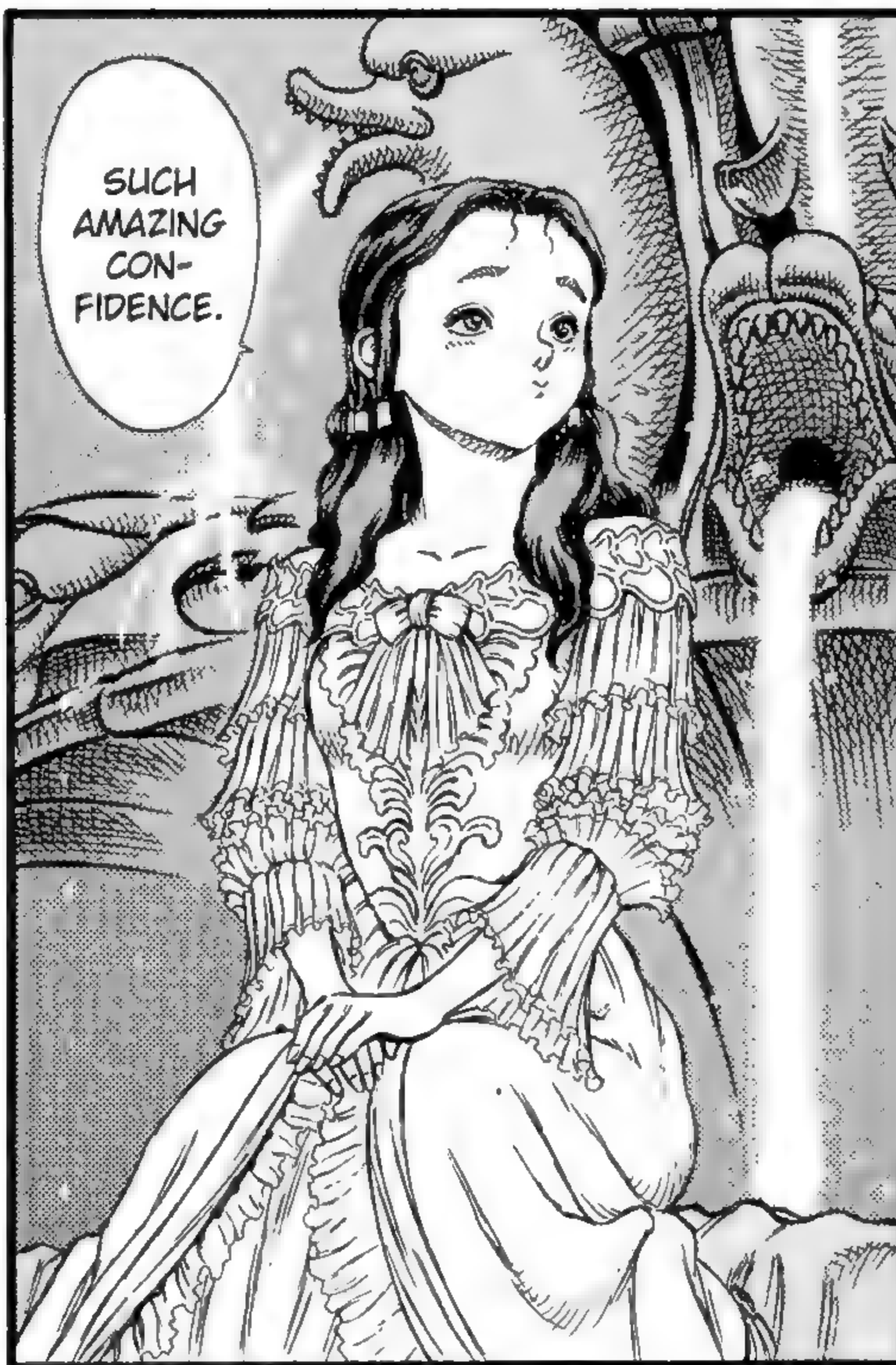
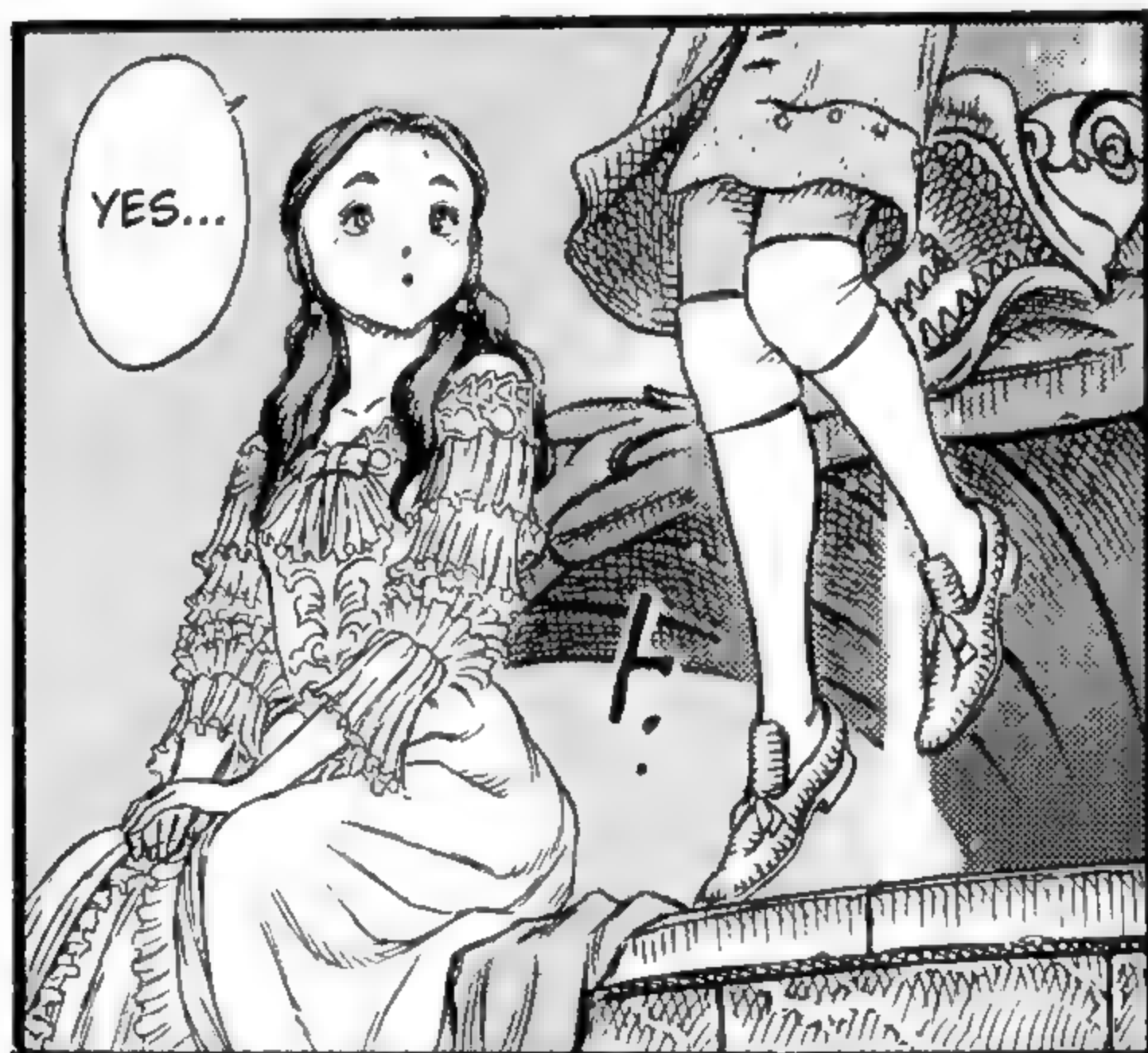
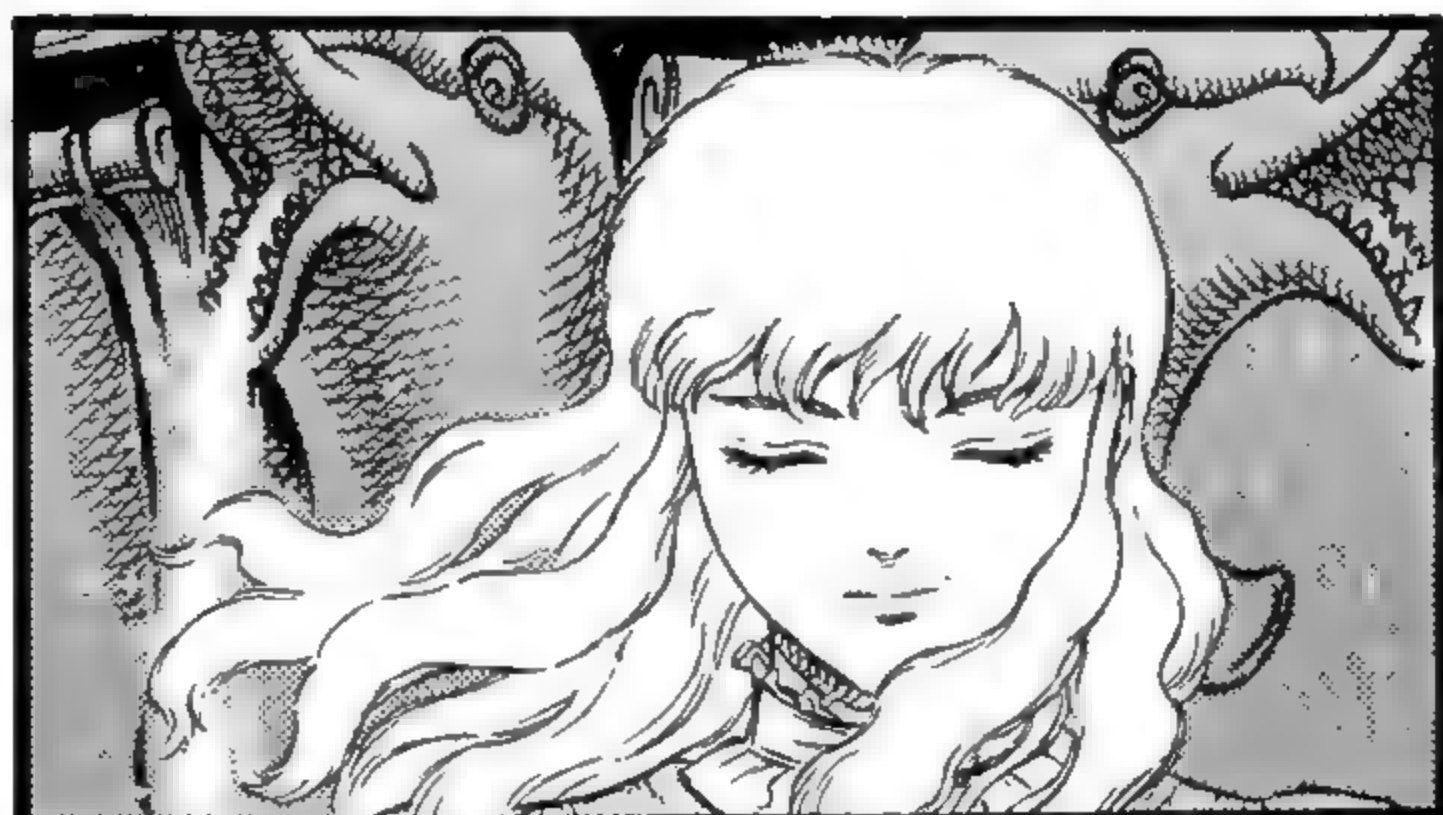
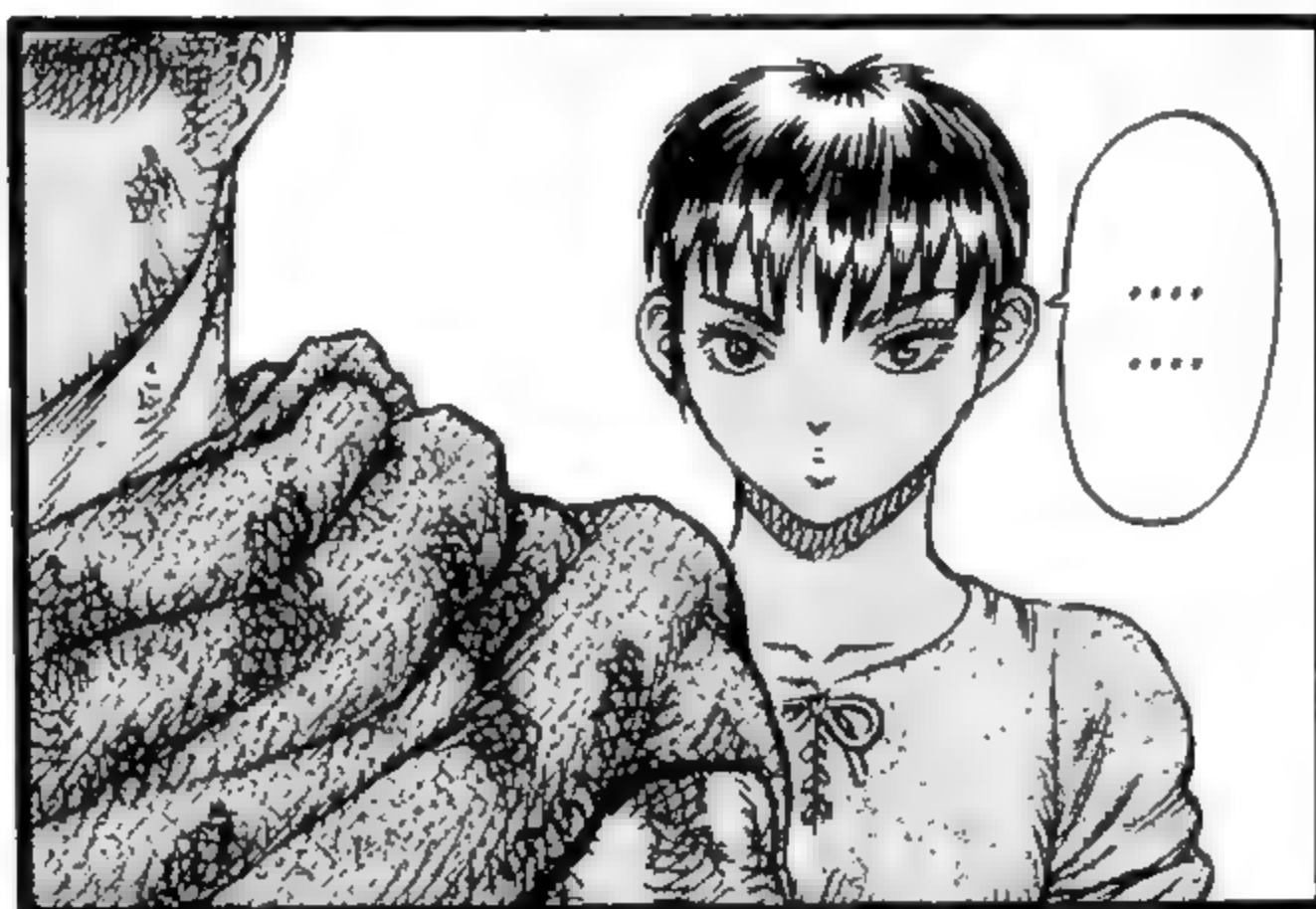


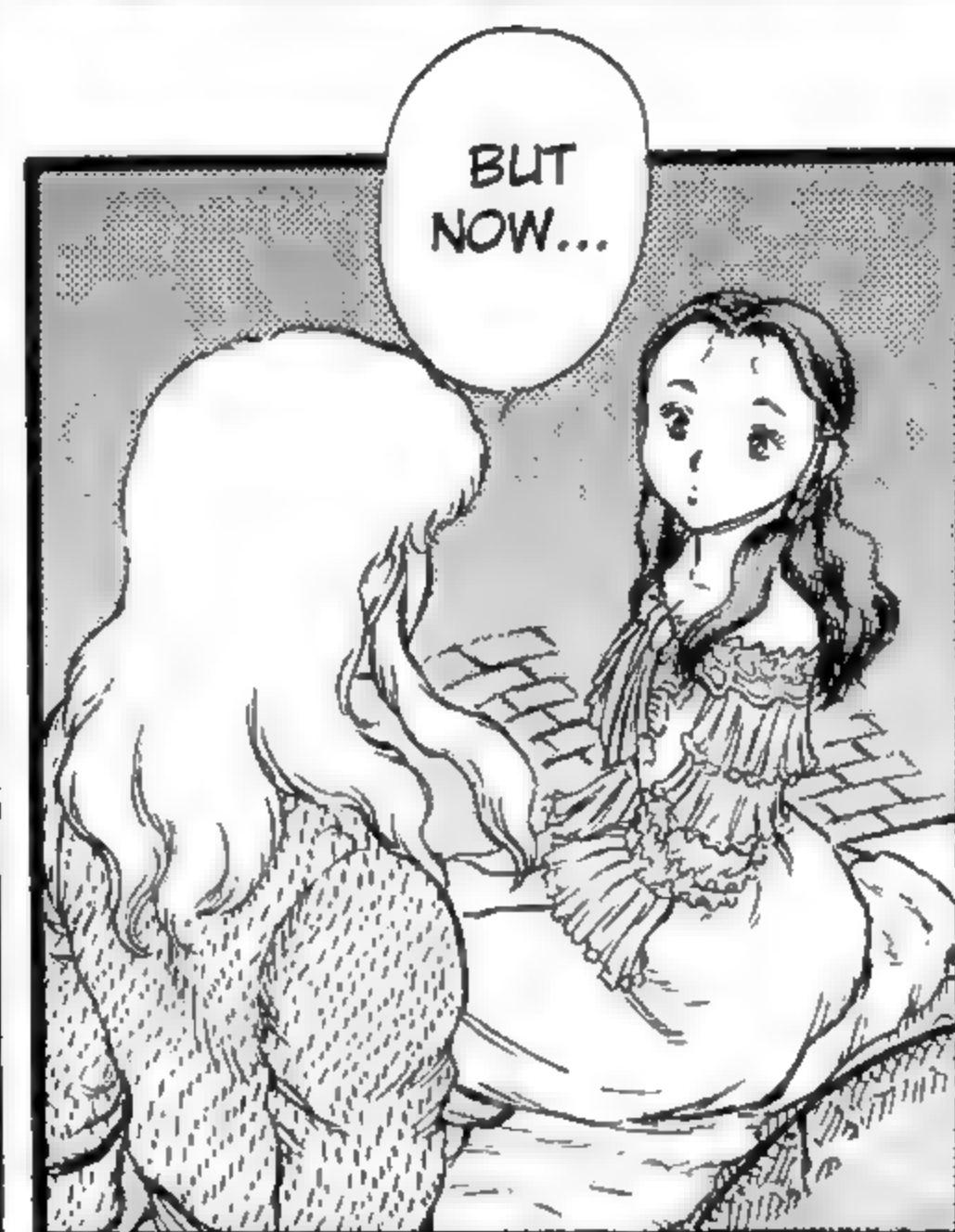
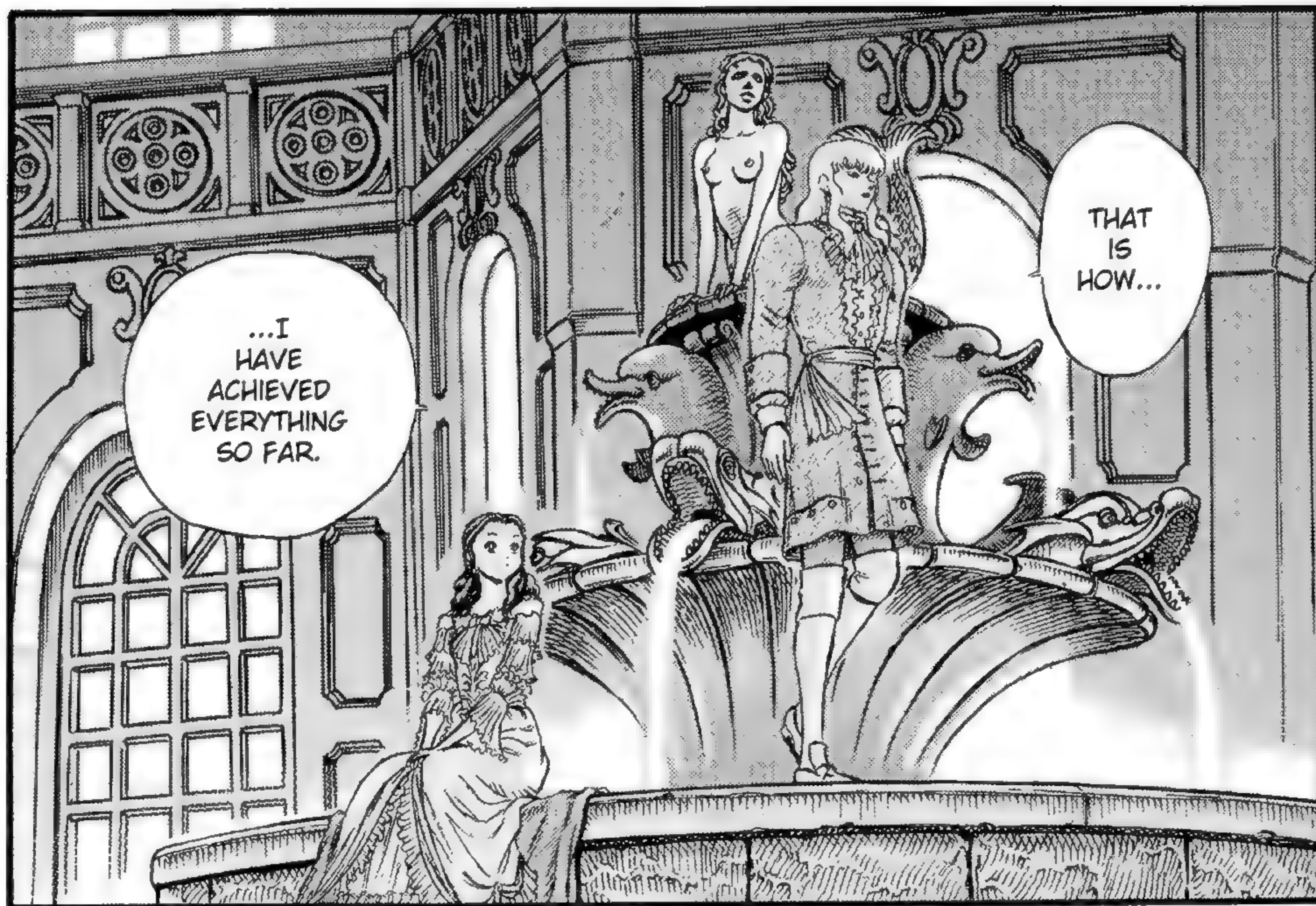
WHAT I
THINK A
FRIEND
IS...

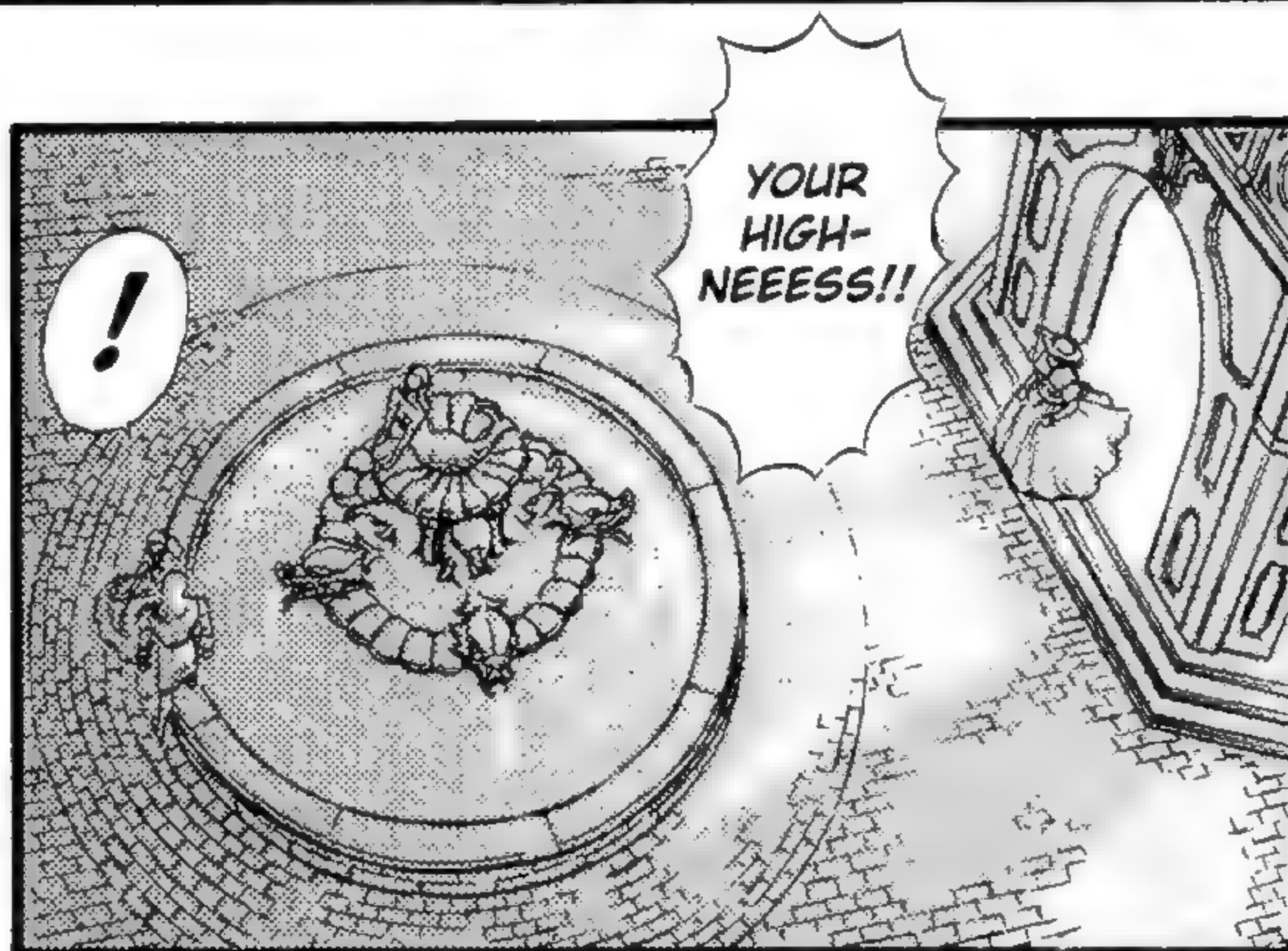
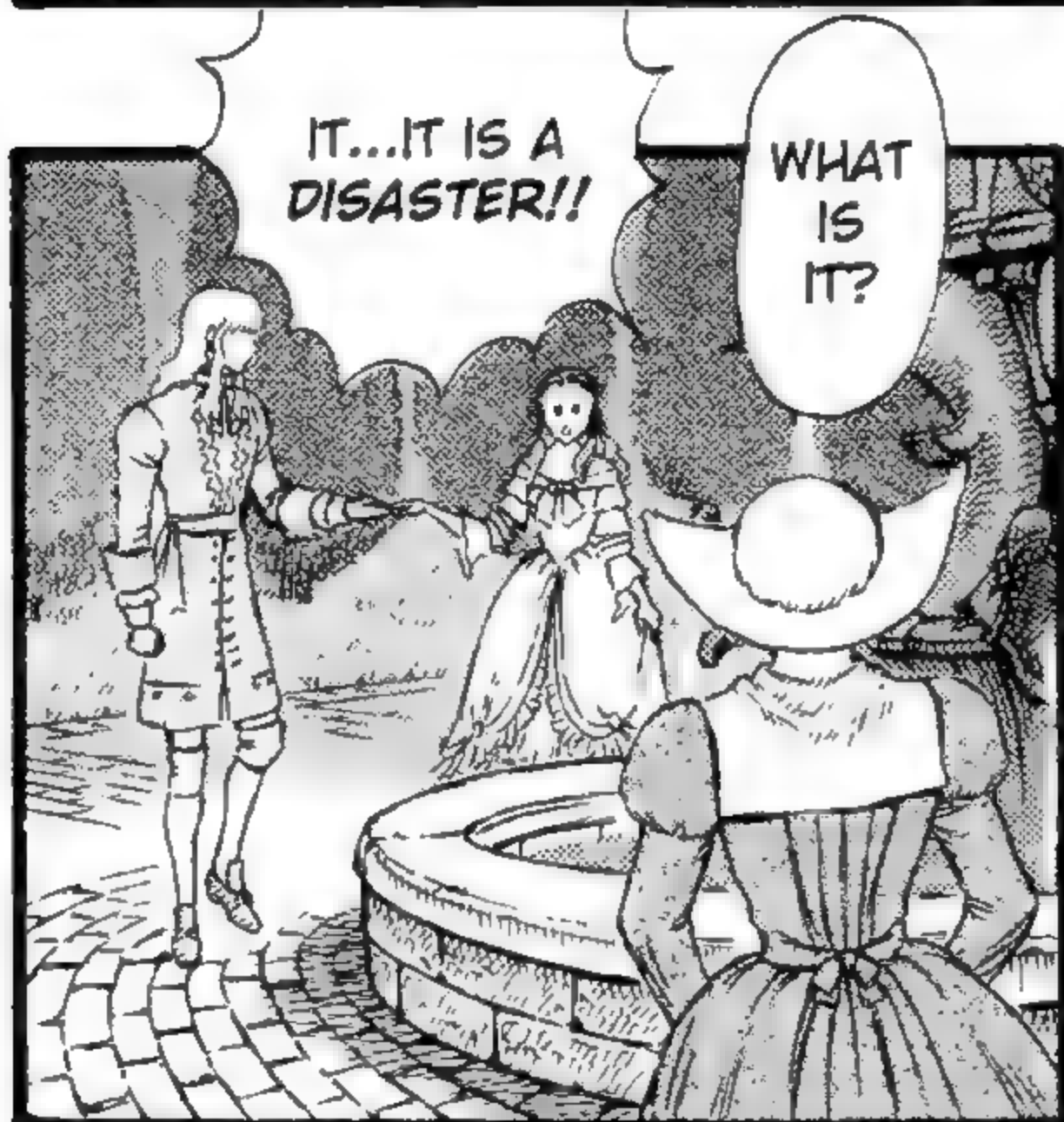
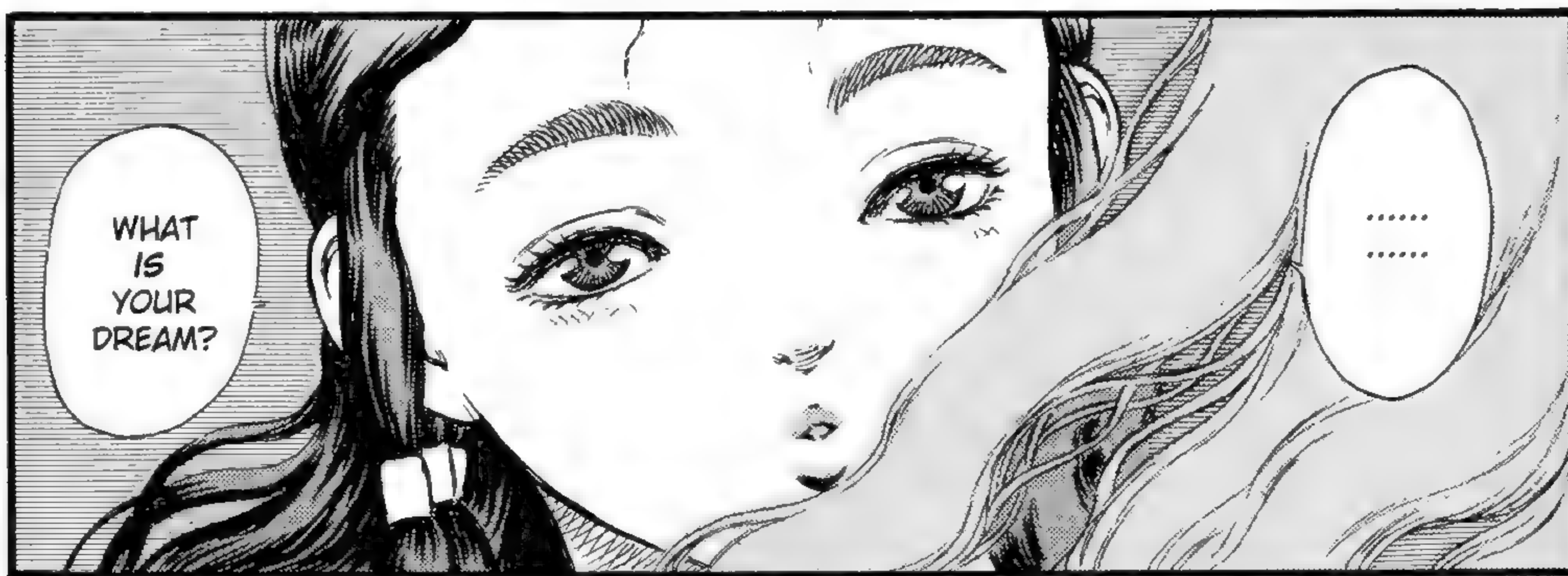
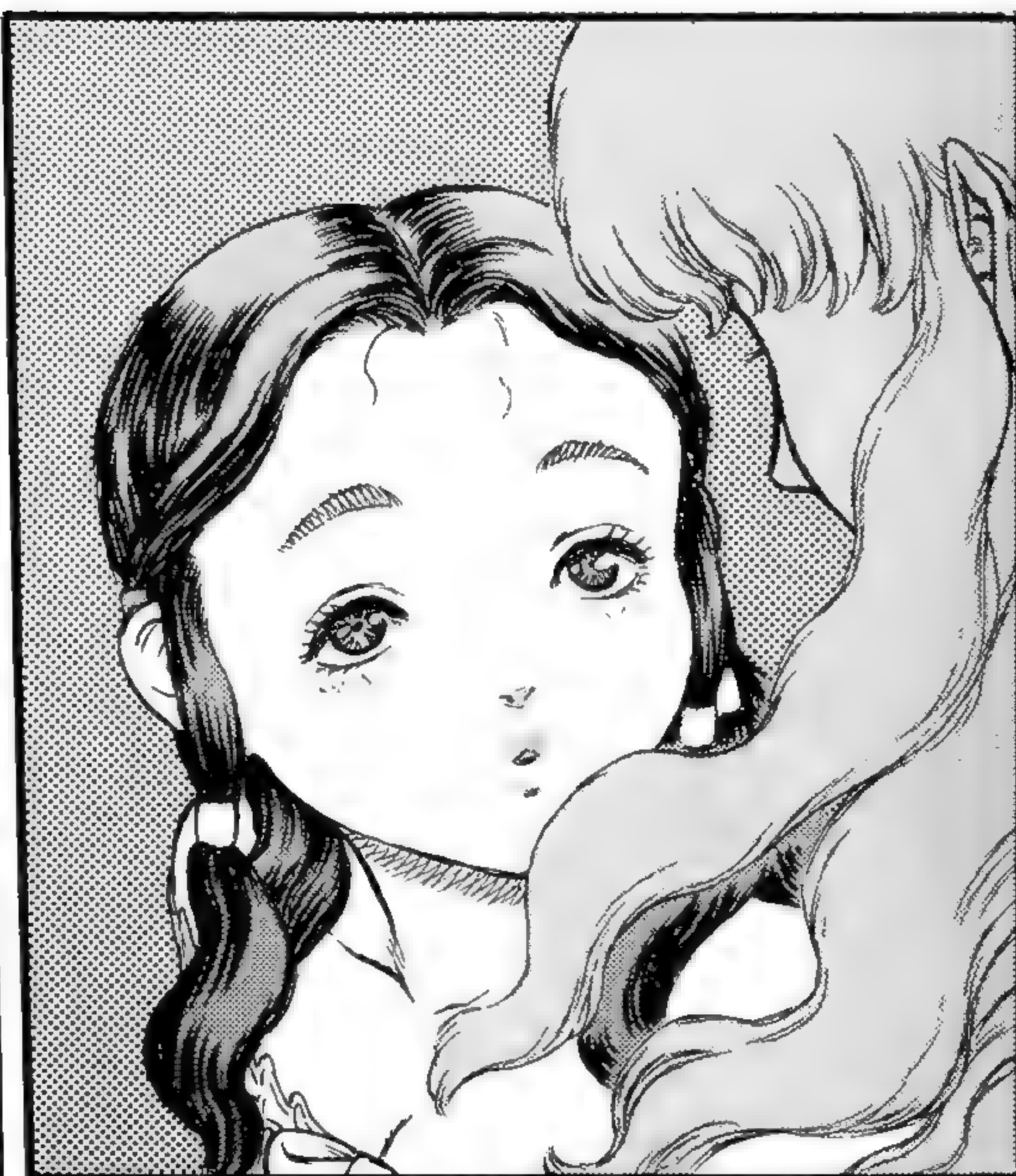
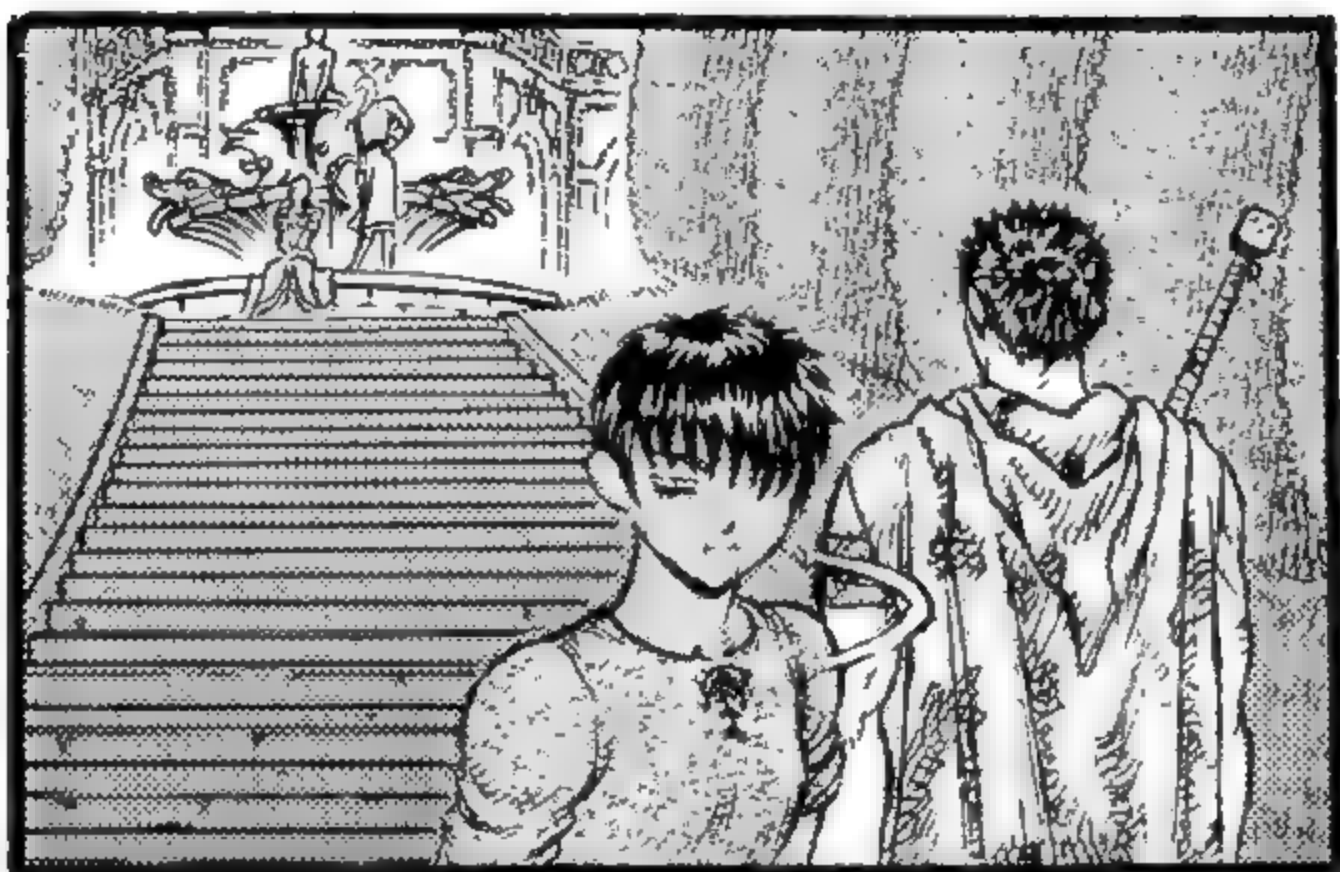
...IS
ONE...

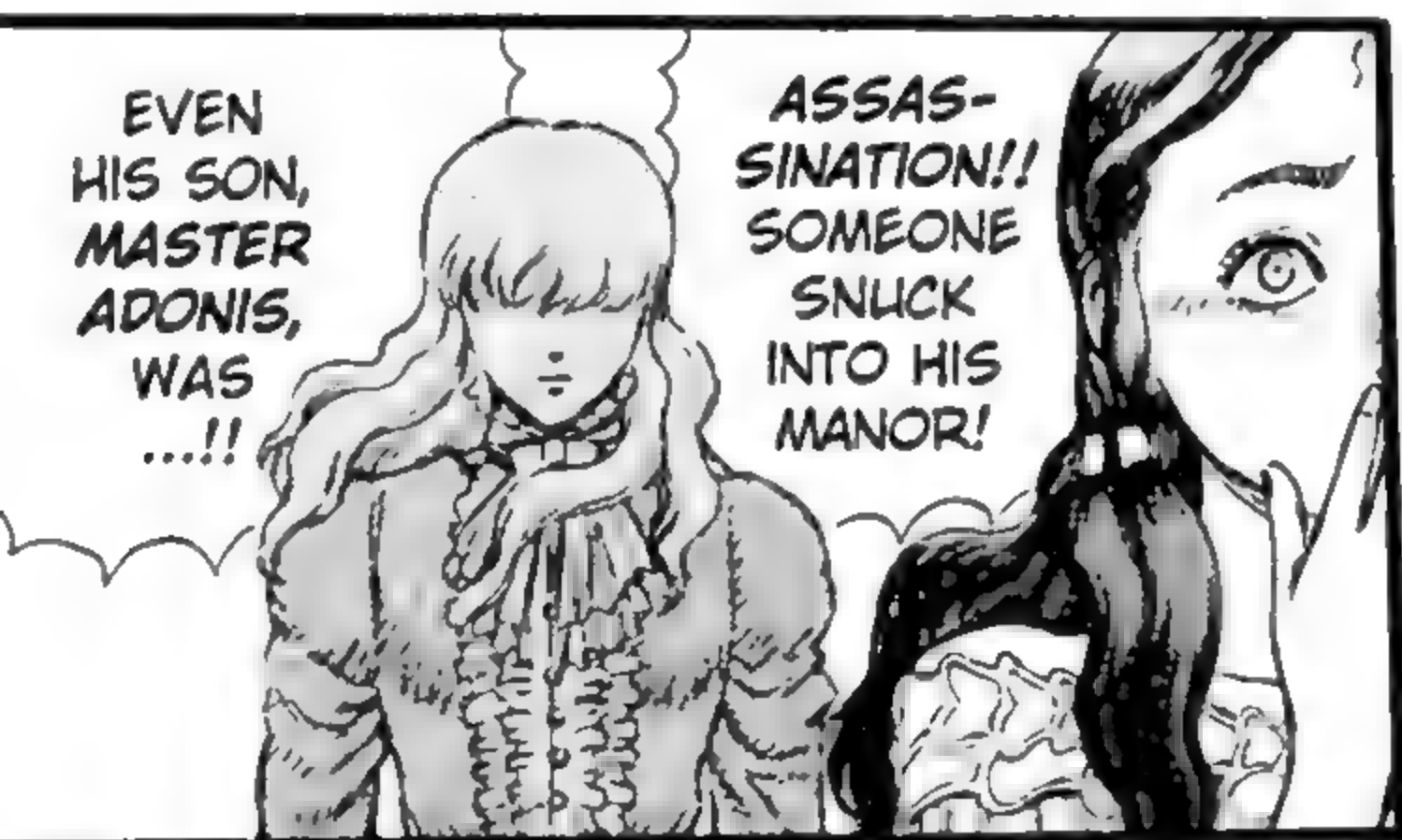
...WHO
IS MY
"EQUAL."

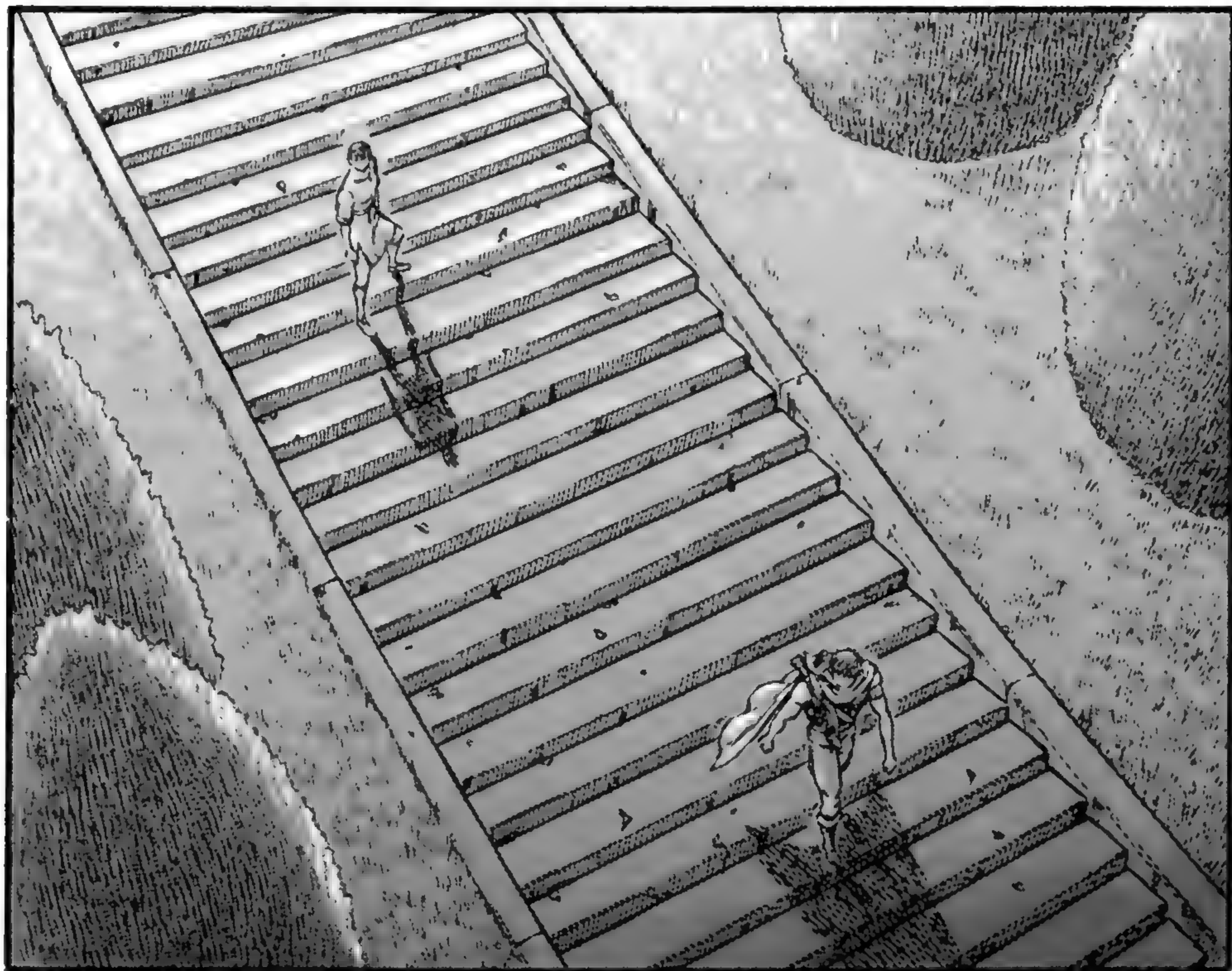
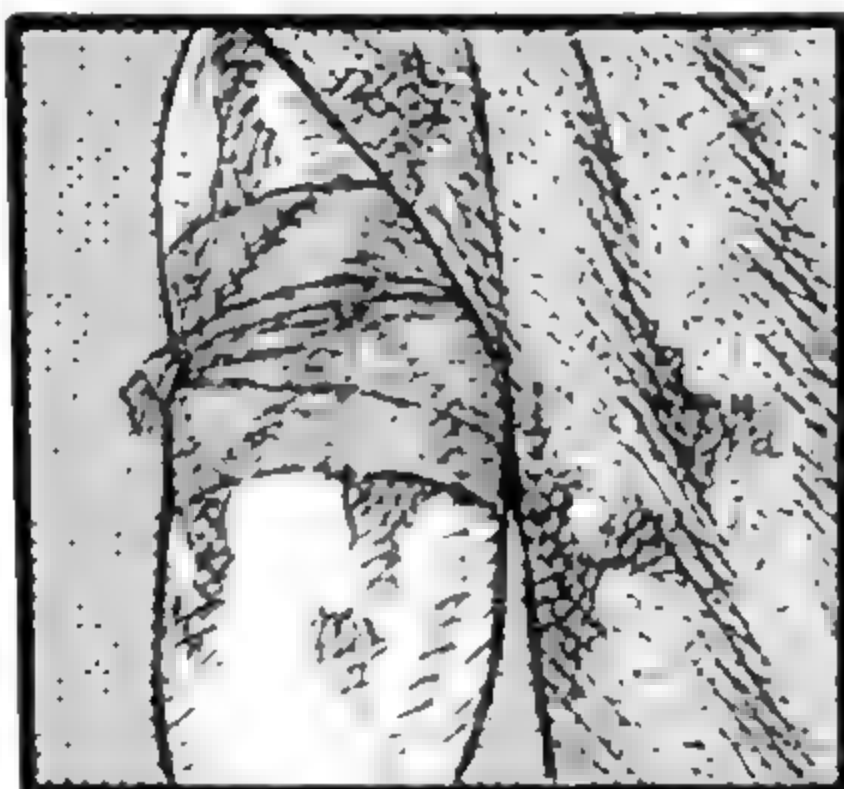
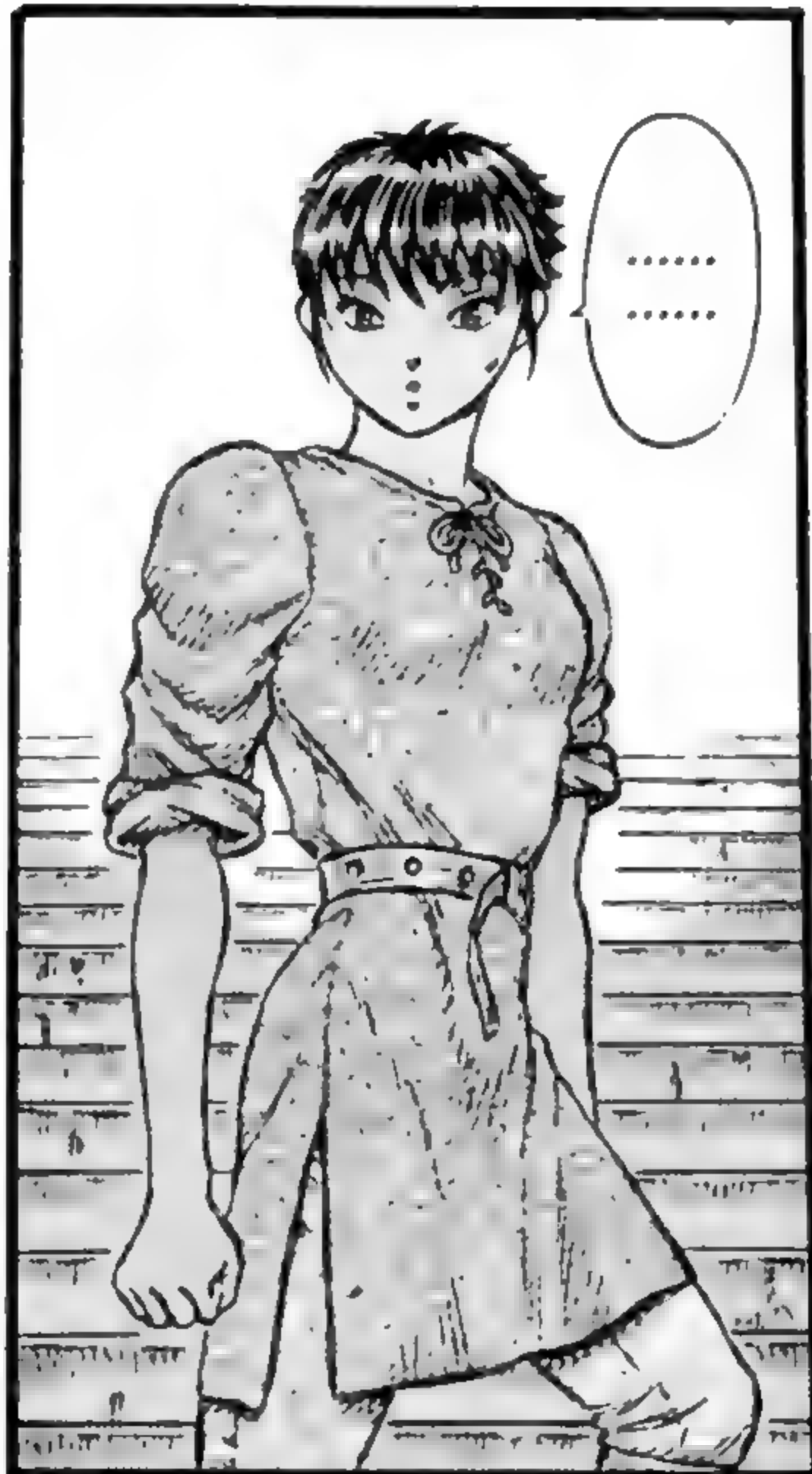


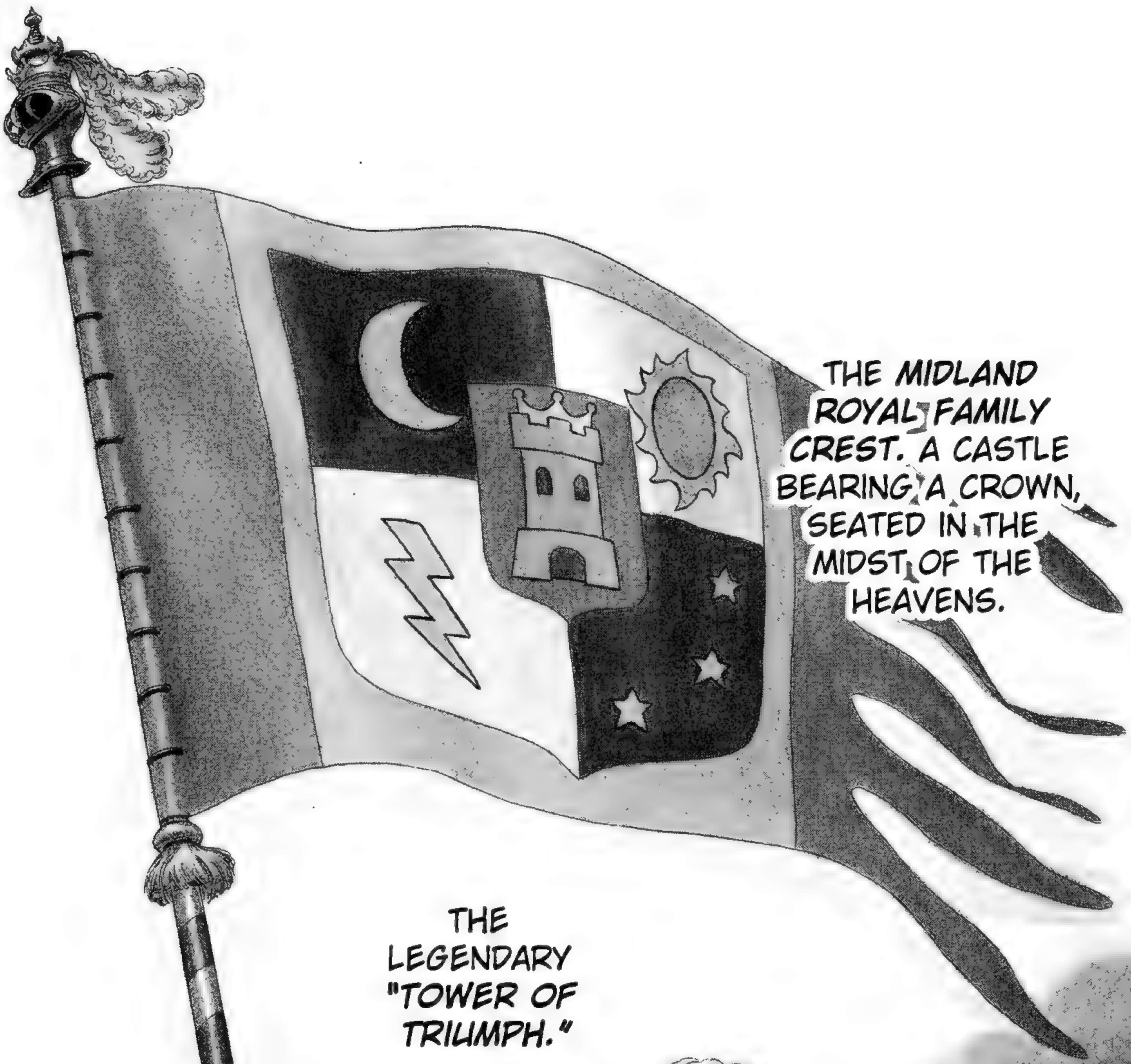






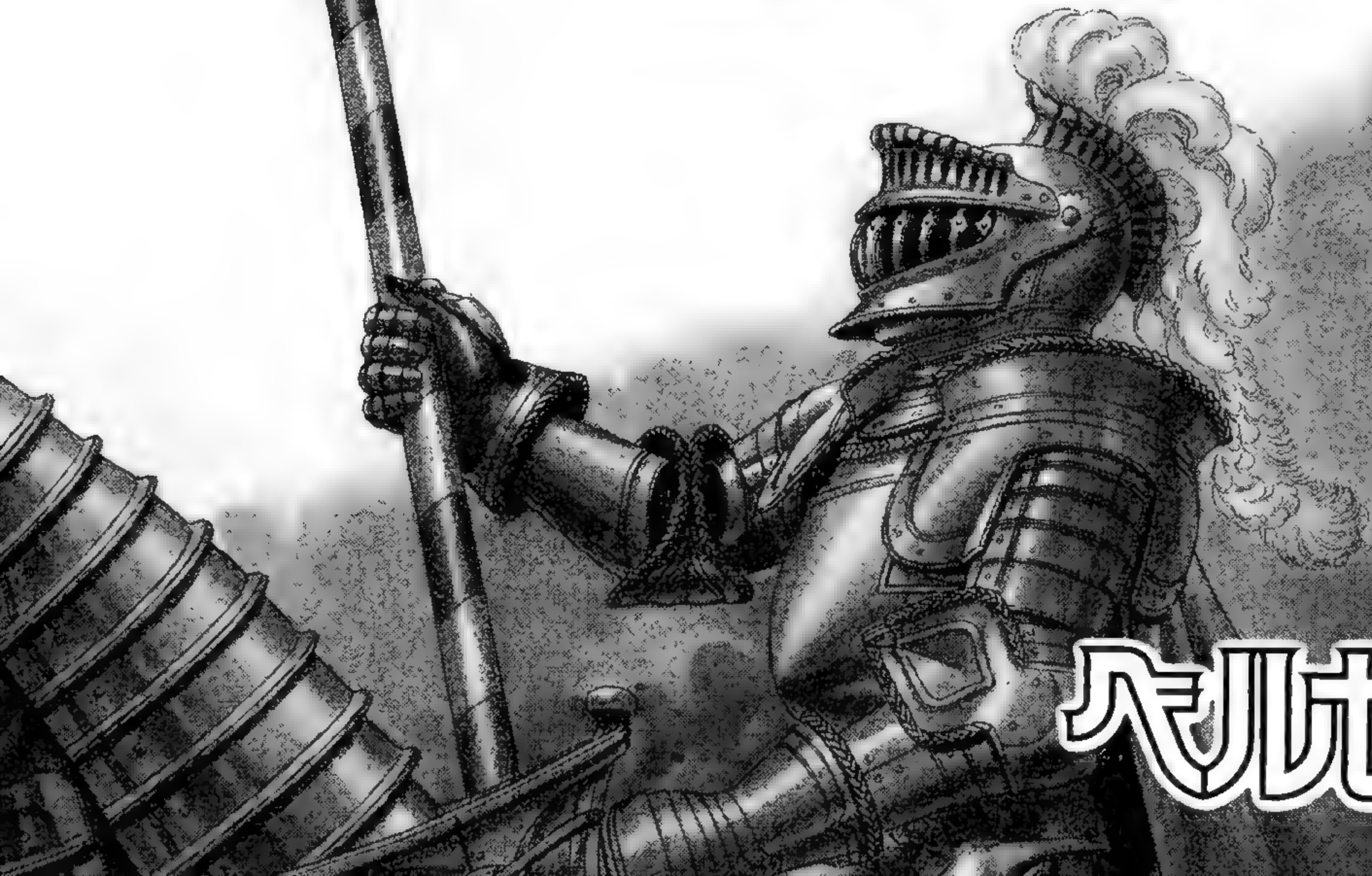






THE MIDLAND
ROYAL FAMILY
CREST. A CASTLE
BEARING A CROWN,
SEATED IN THE
MIDST OF THE
HEAVENS.

THE
LEGENDARY
"TOWER OF
TRIUMPH."



ALTECH



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DEPARTURE FOR THE FRONT





SPEAK
OF THE
DEVIL...



SO
MANY
OF
THEM...

THEY SAY THIS
NEW CAMPAIGN
COULD MEAN AN
END TO THE WAR.

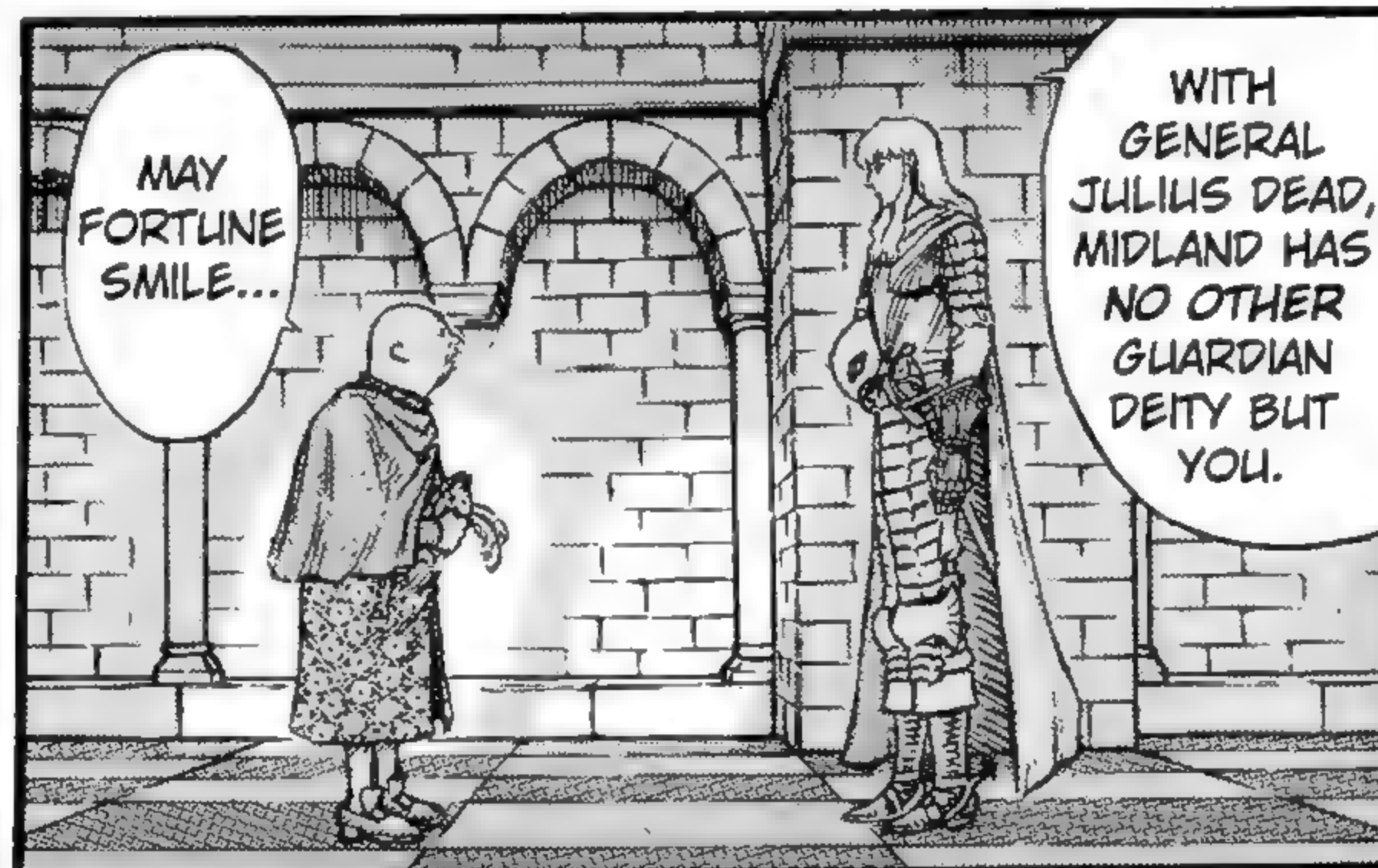
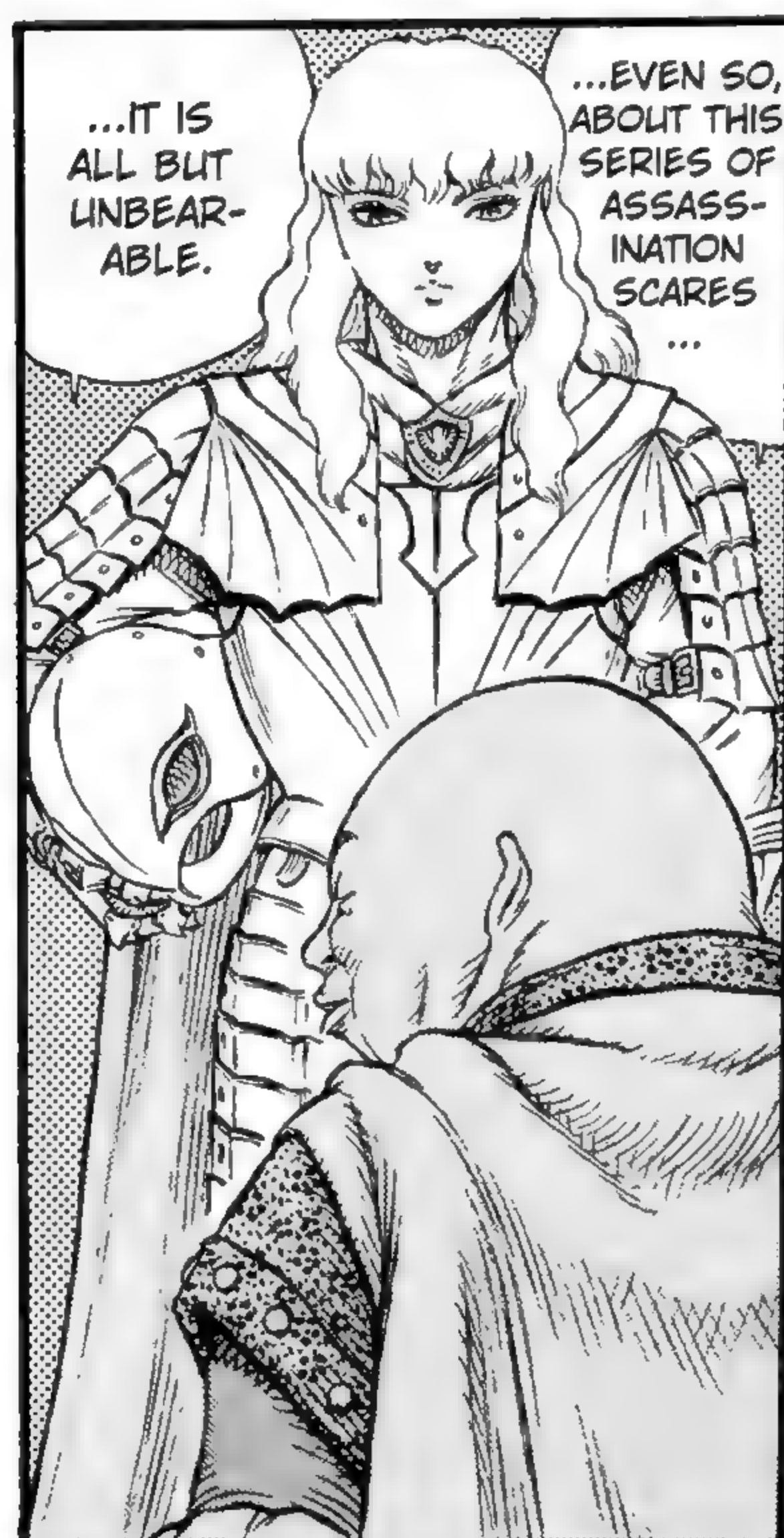
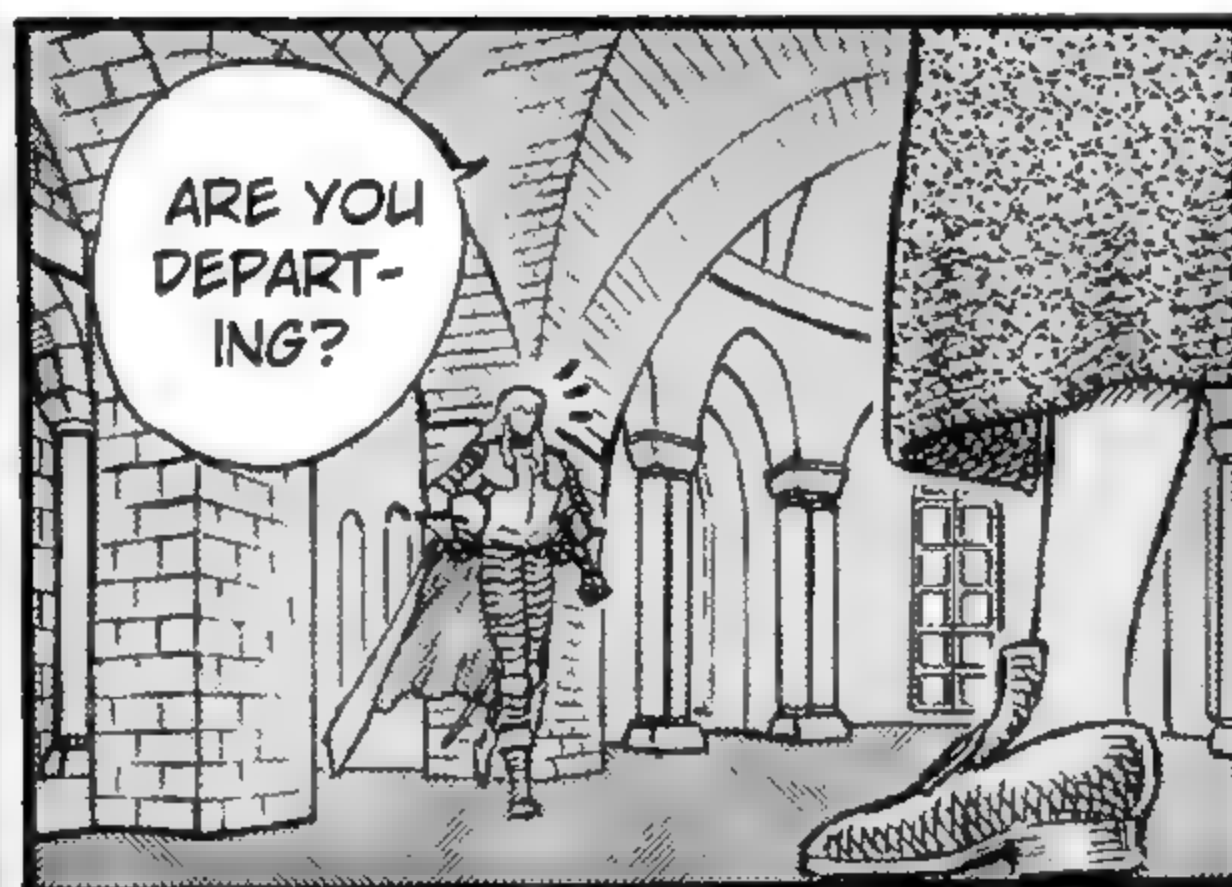


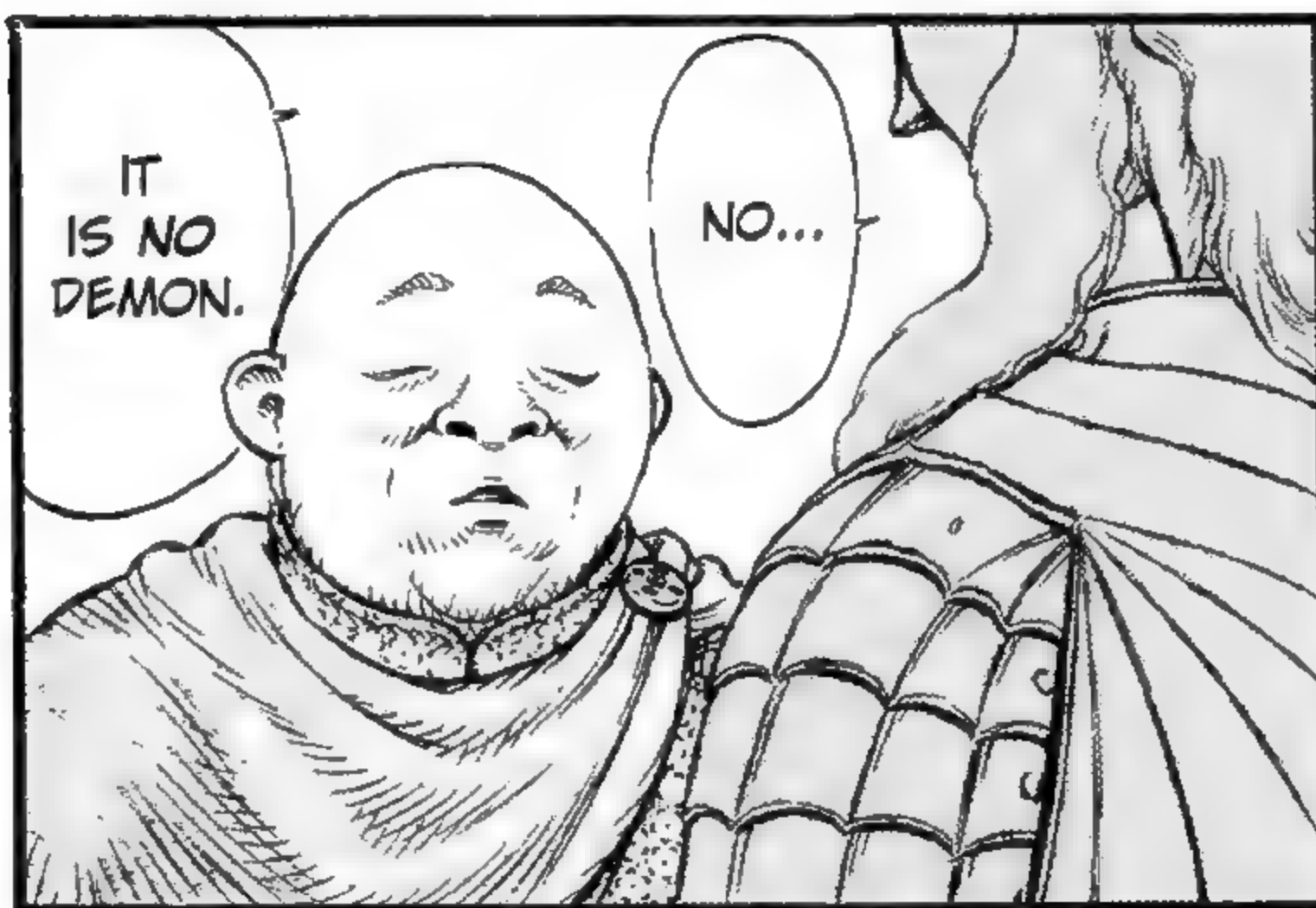
DON'T WORRY!
MIDLAND HAS ITS
OWN GUARDIAN
ANGEL, YOU
KNOW!



NOW IF ONLY
THAT COMES
TRUE...







IT IS NO DEMON.

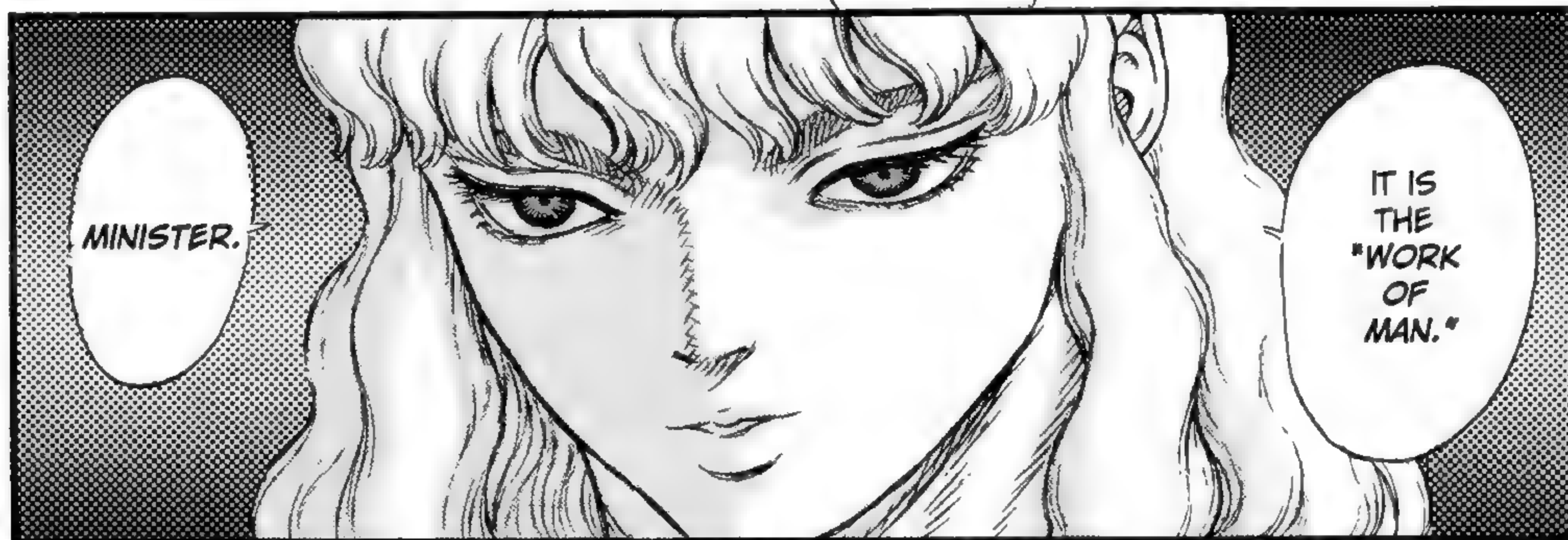
NO...



BUT A CHILD OF ONLY THIRTEEN LIKE MASTER ADONIS... HOW VERY CRUEL...

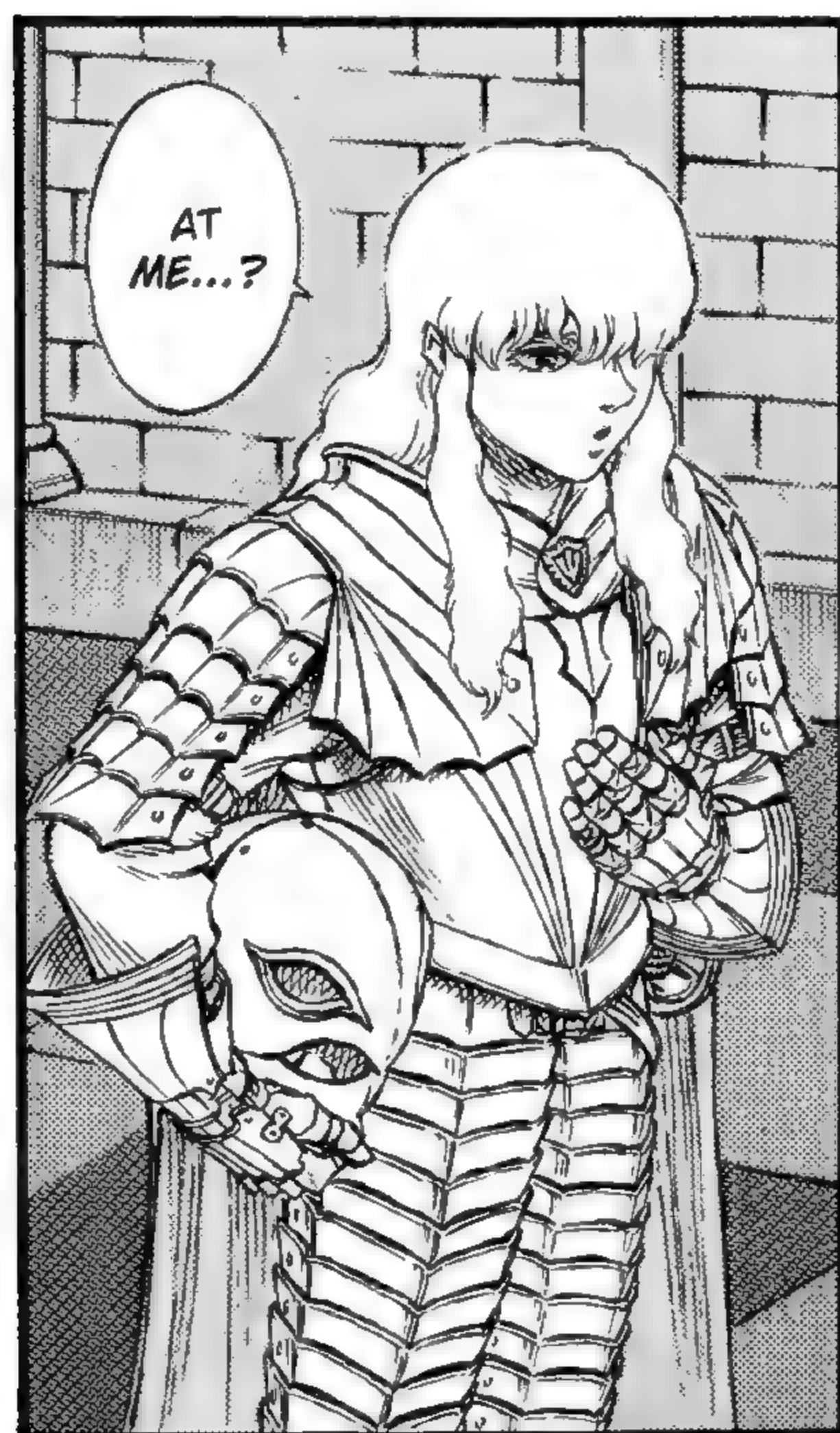
IT IS SAID THAT IN TROUBLED TIMES, SPIRITS MISLEAD HUMAN HEARTS ...

SURELY IT IS THE WORK OF A DEMON.



MINISTER.

IT IS THE "WORK OF MAN."



AT ME...?



INCIDENTALLY, SIR GRIFFITH.

STRANGE RUMOR?

I HAVE CAUGHT WIND OF A STRANGE RUMOR REGARDING THESE ASSASSINATIONS.



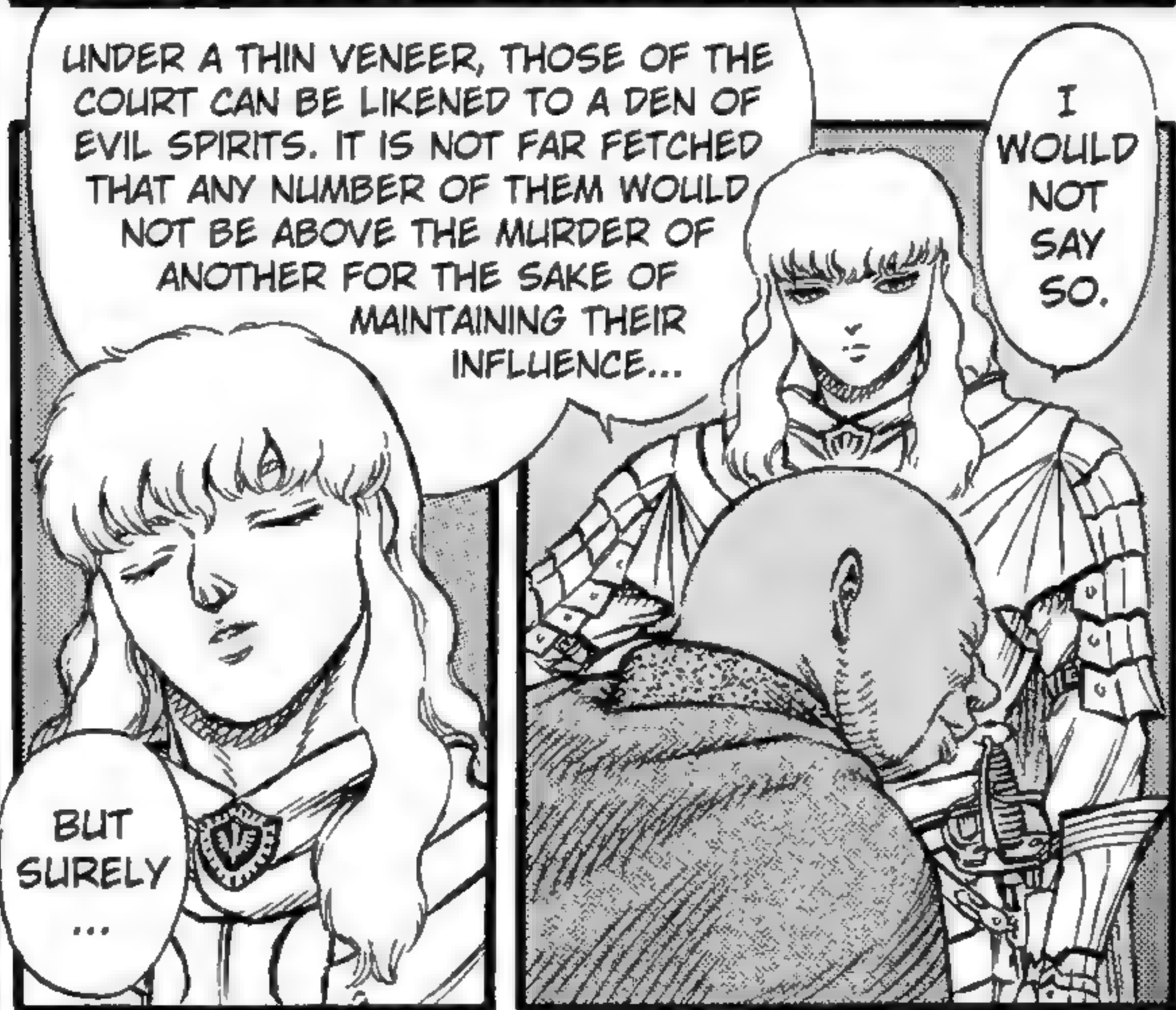
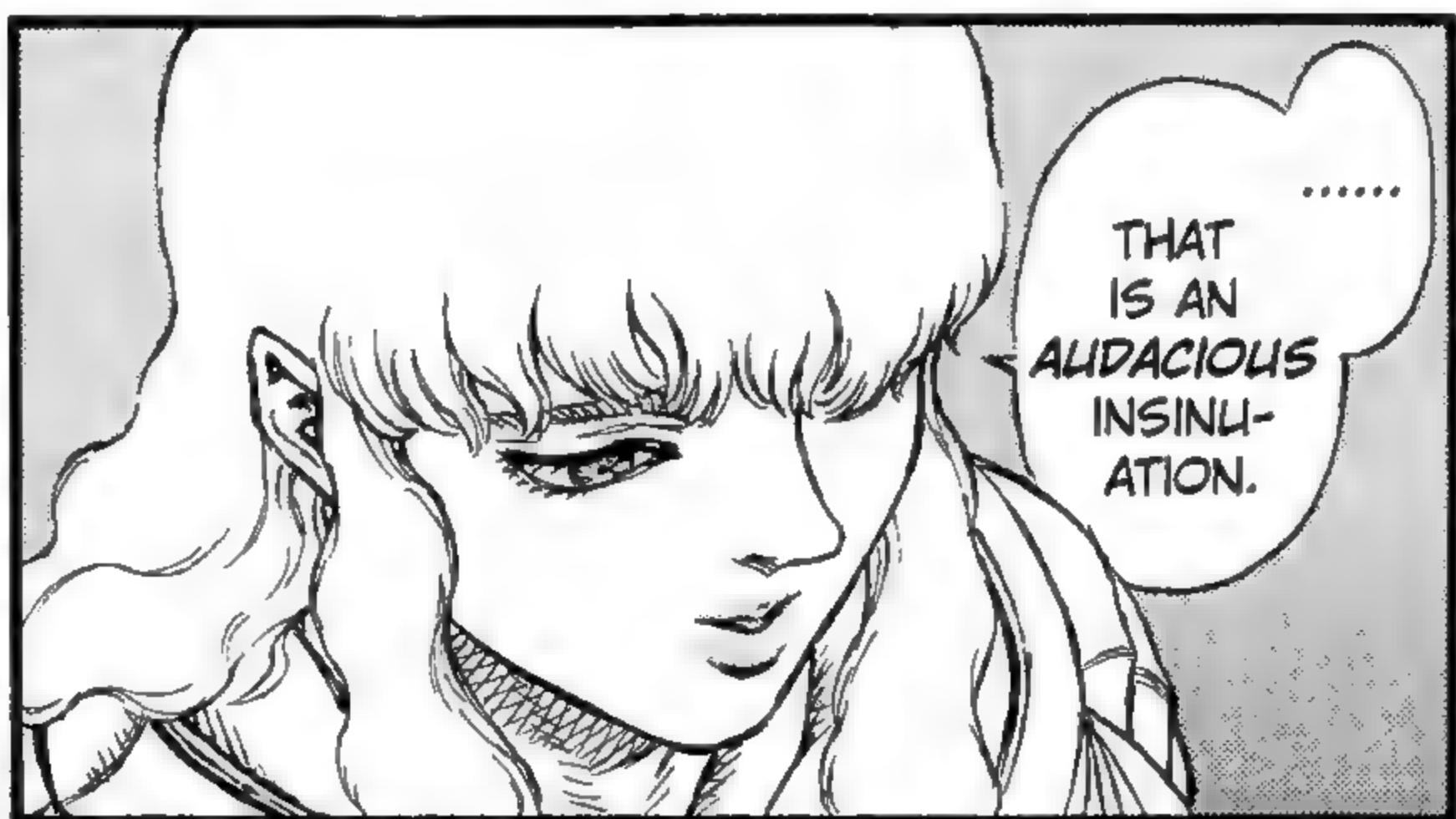
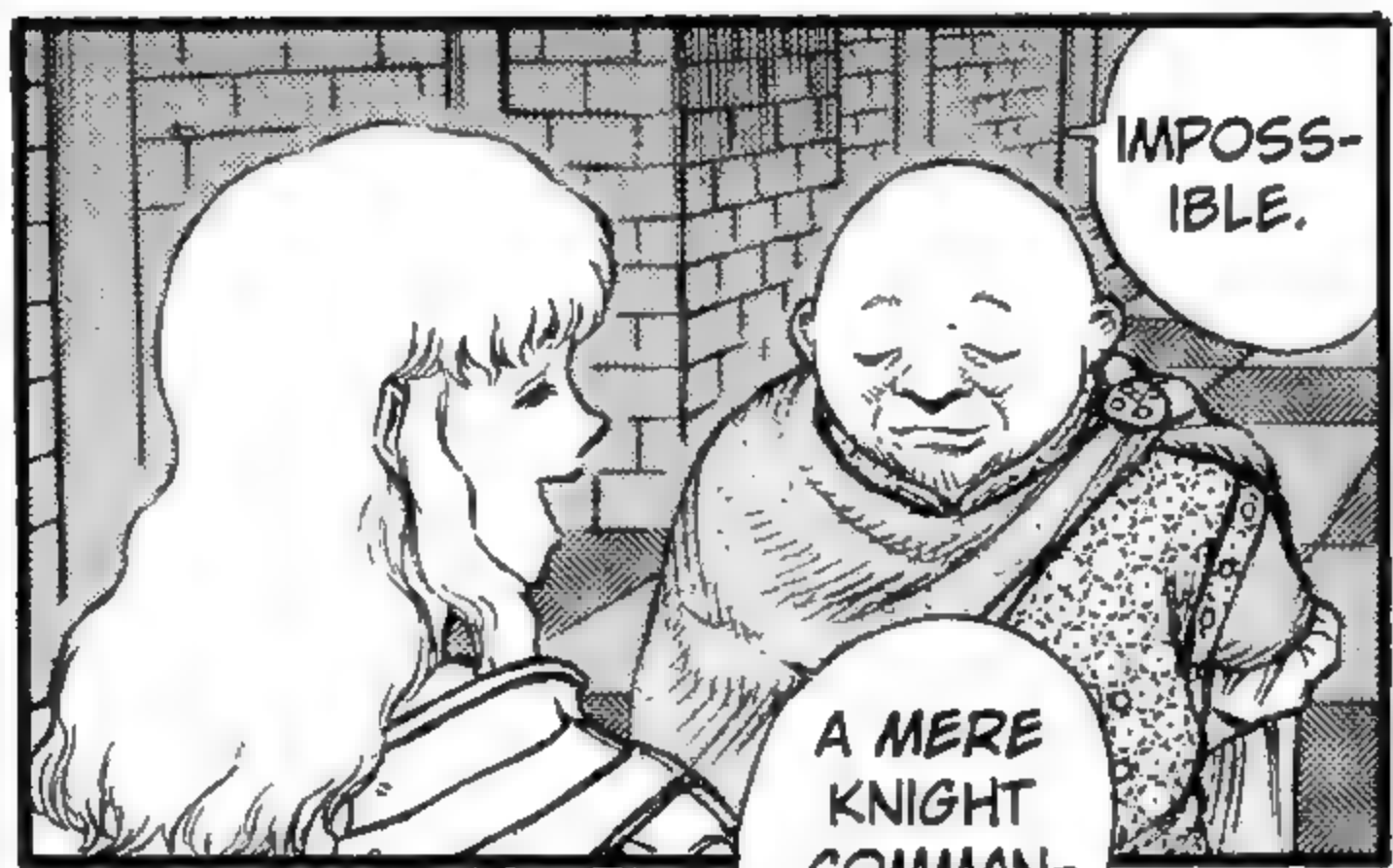
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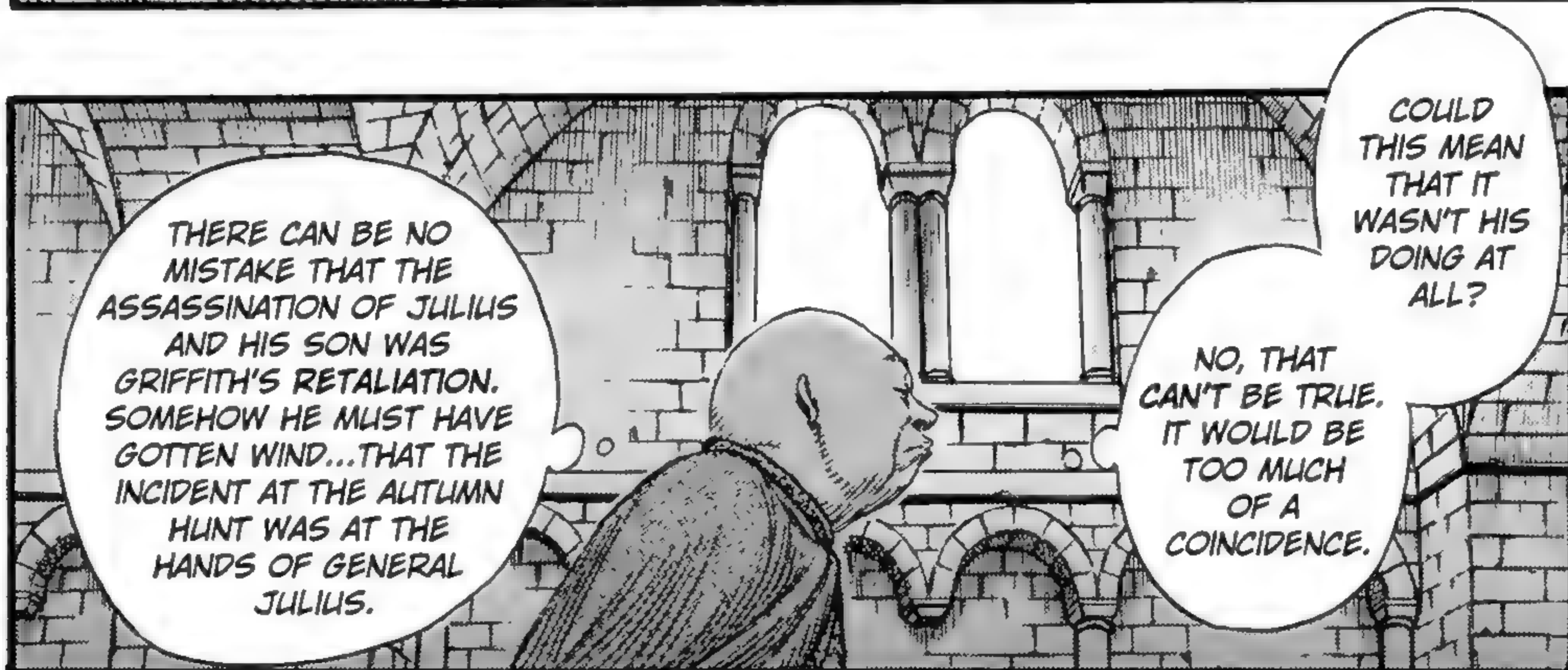
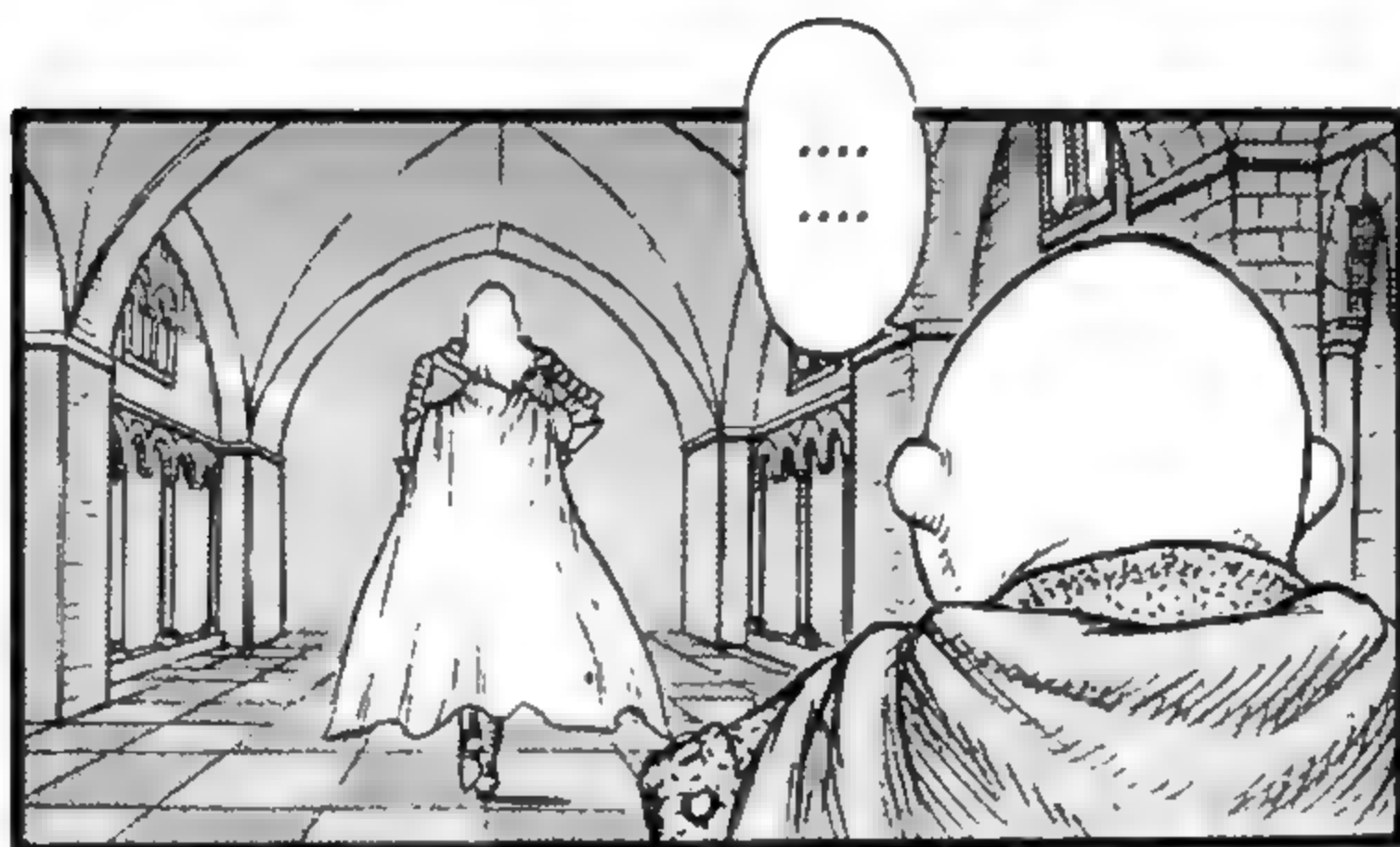
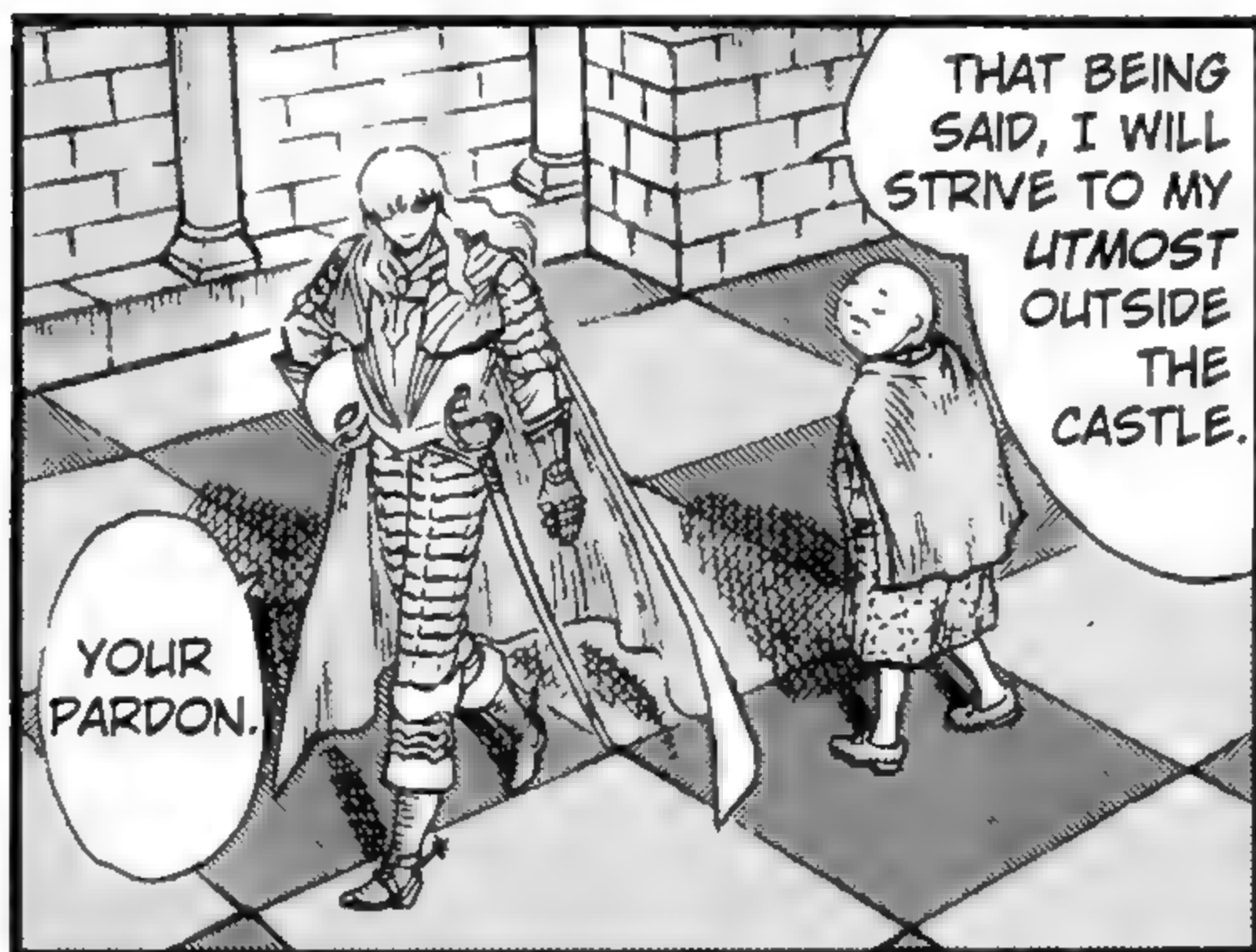


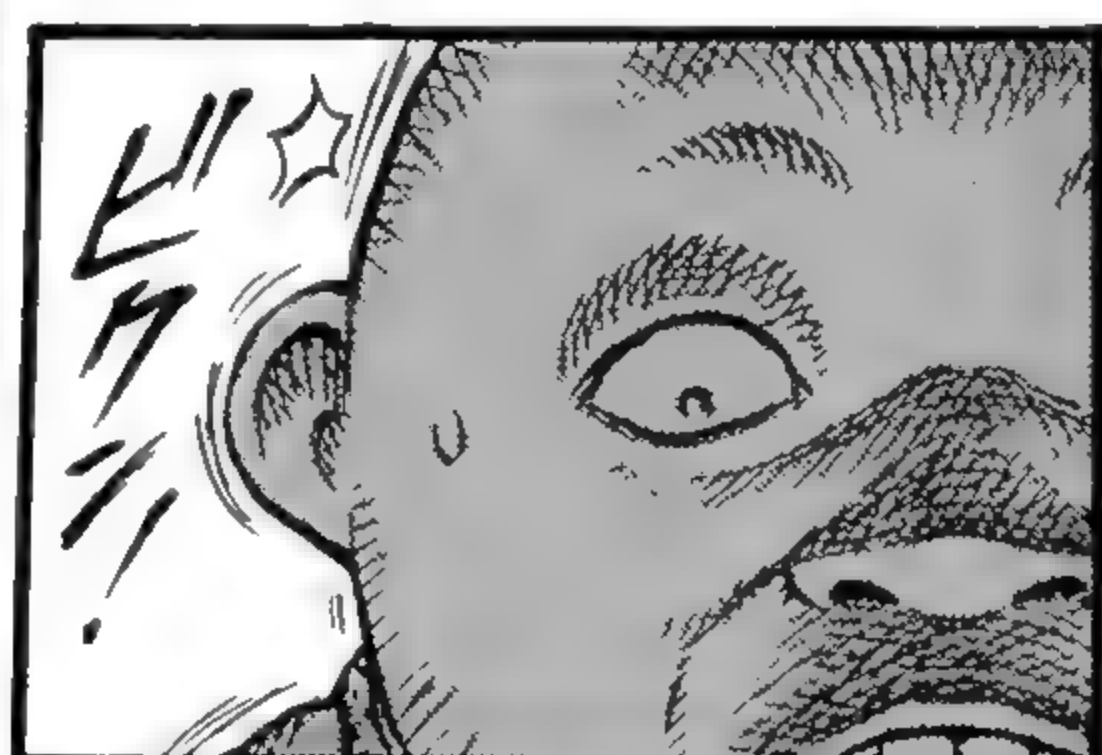
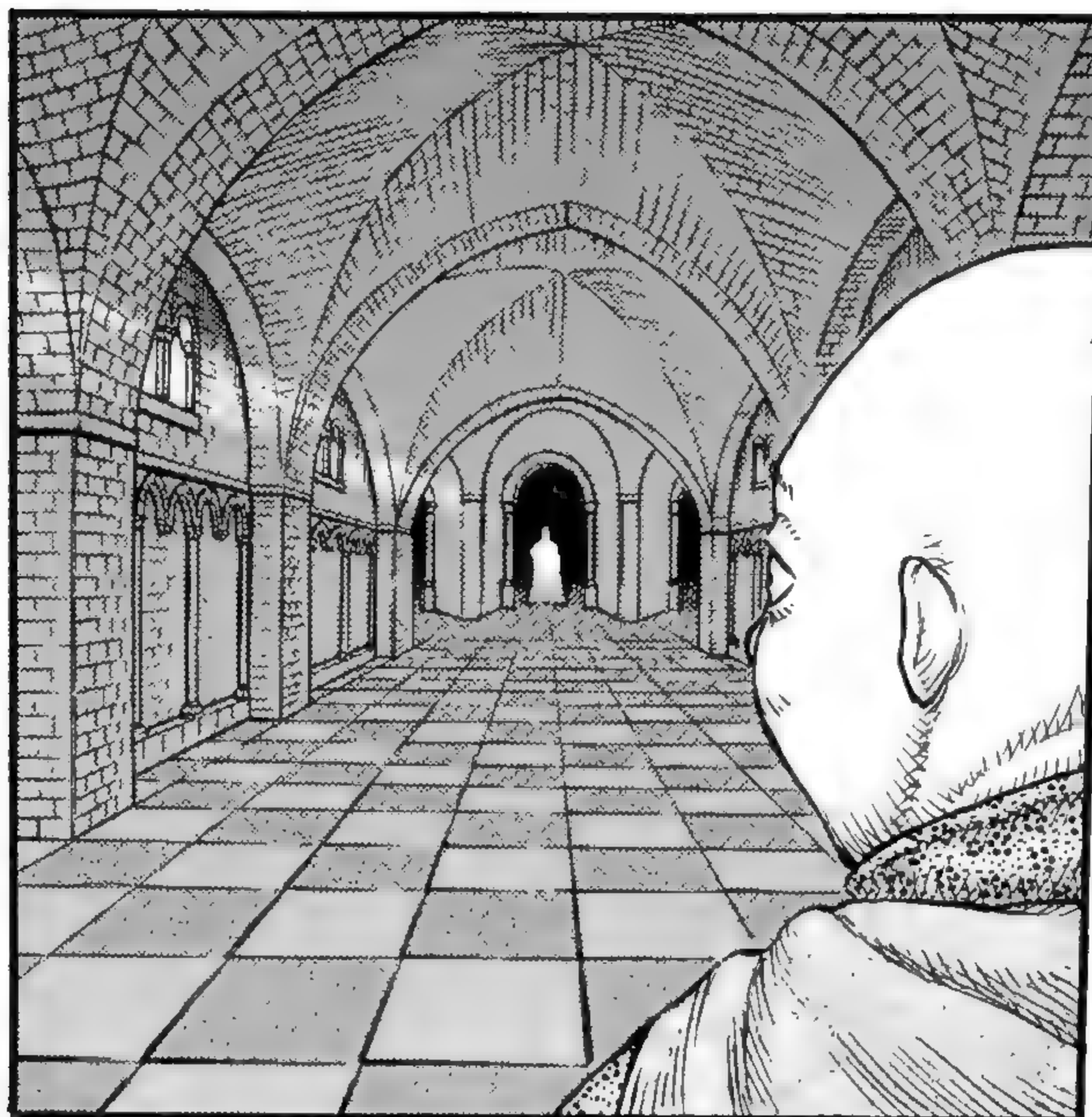
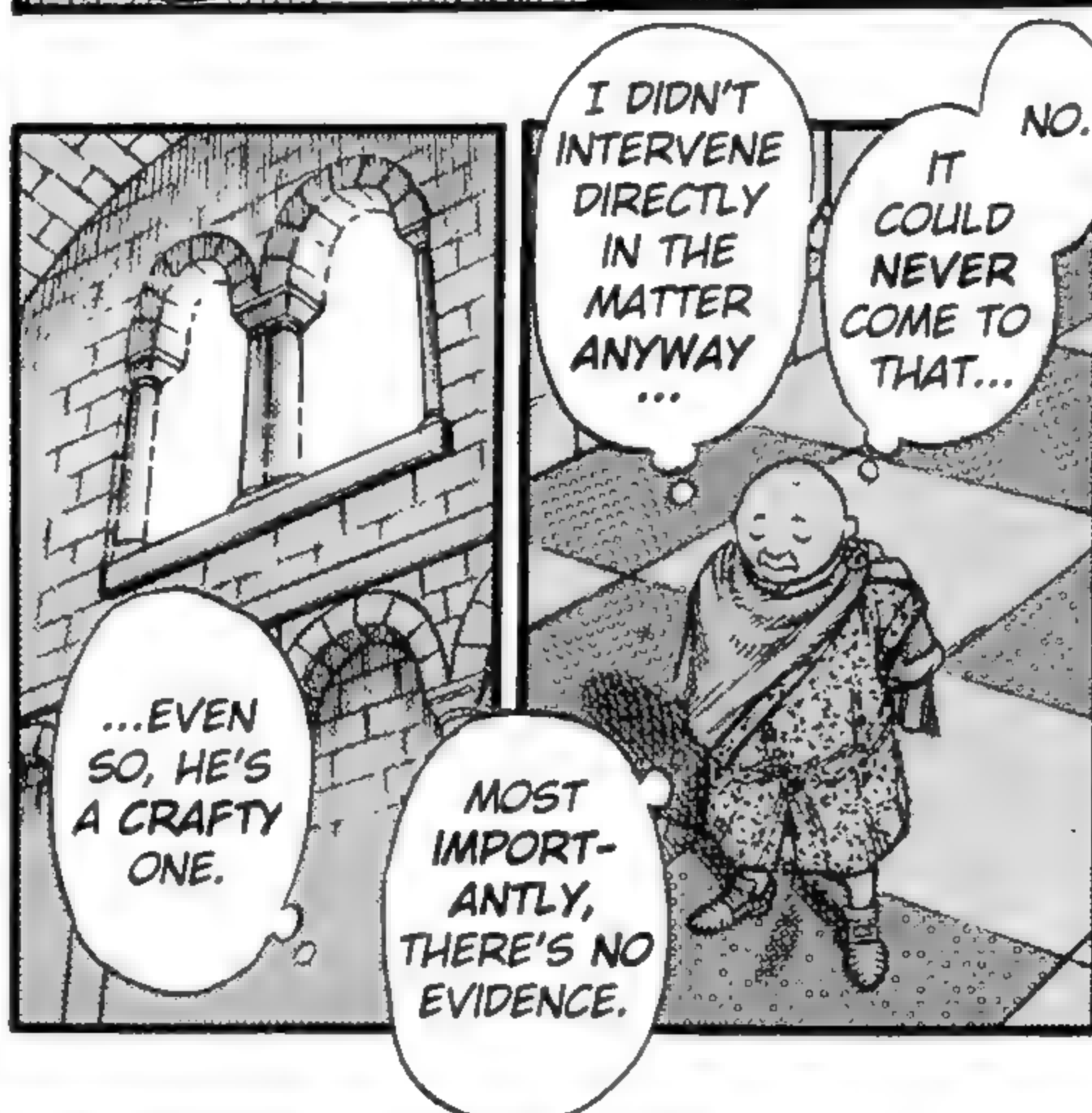
BUT INSTEAD...
...IT MAY HAVE BEEN FIRED AT YOU, SIR GRIFFITH...

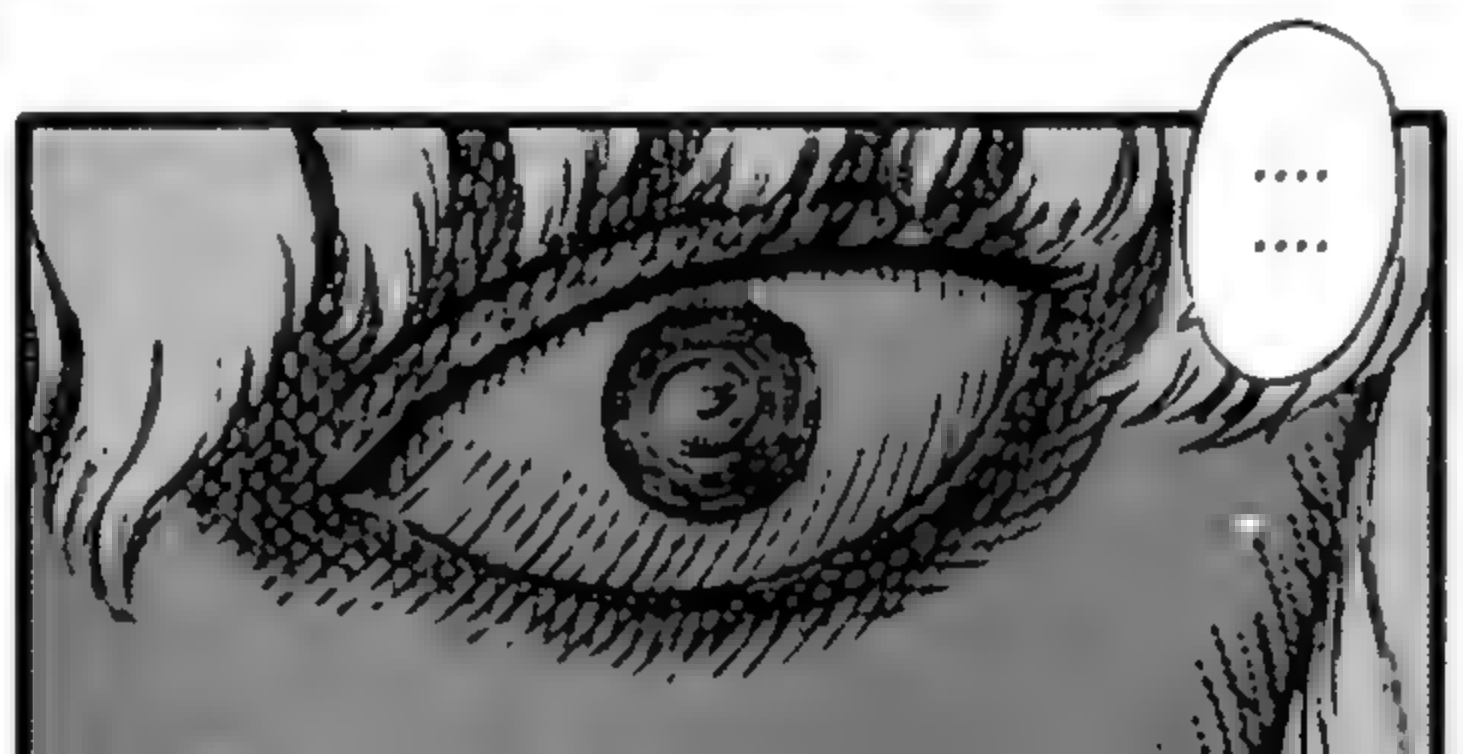
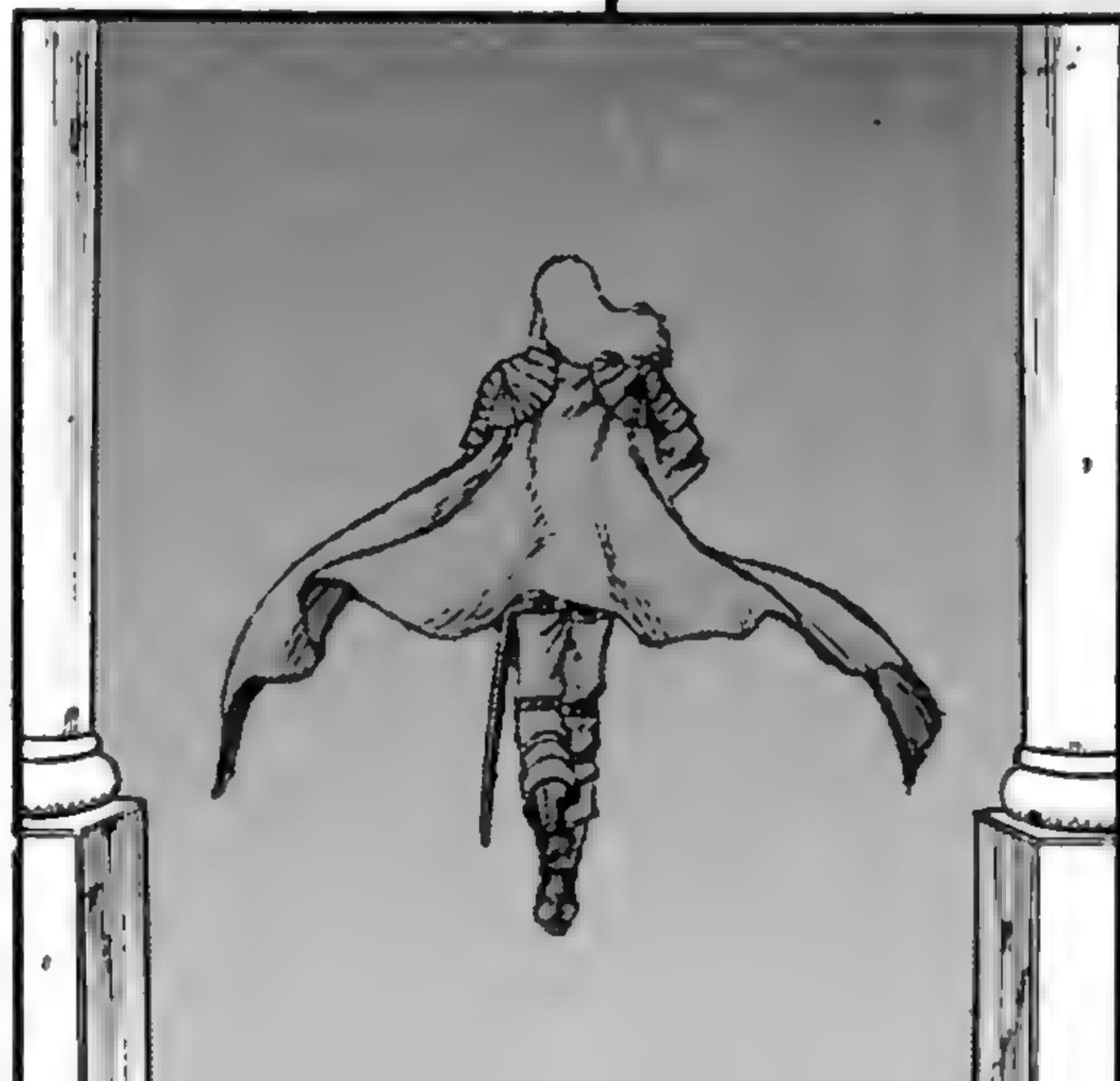
THAT IT WAS ACTUALLY NOT MEANT FOR HER...

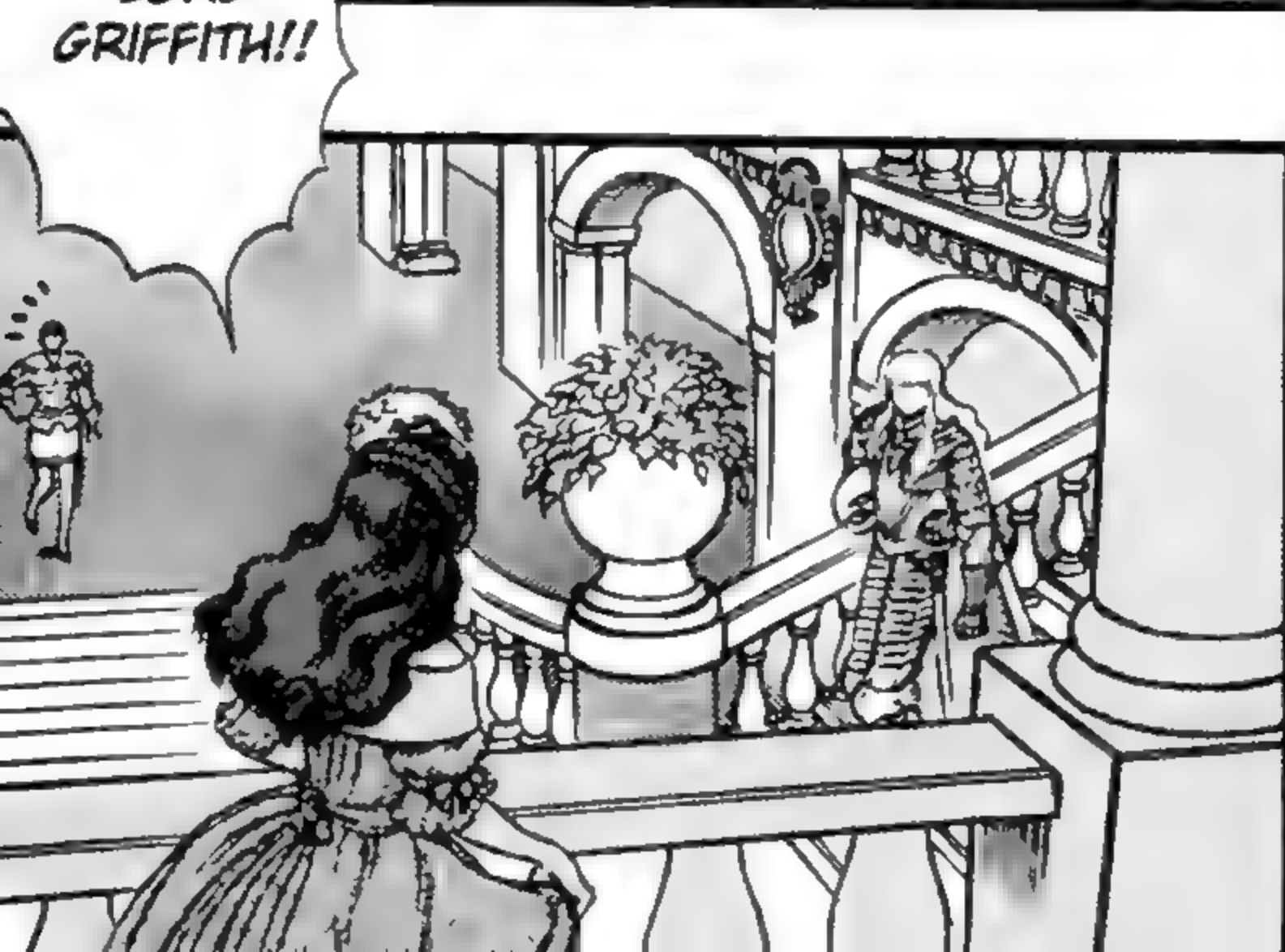
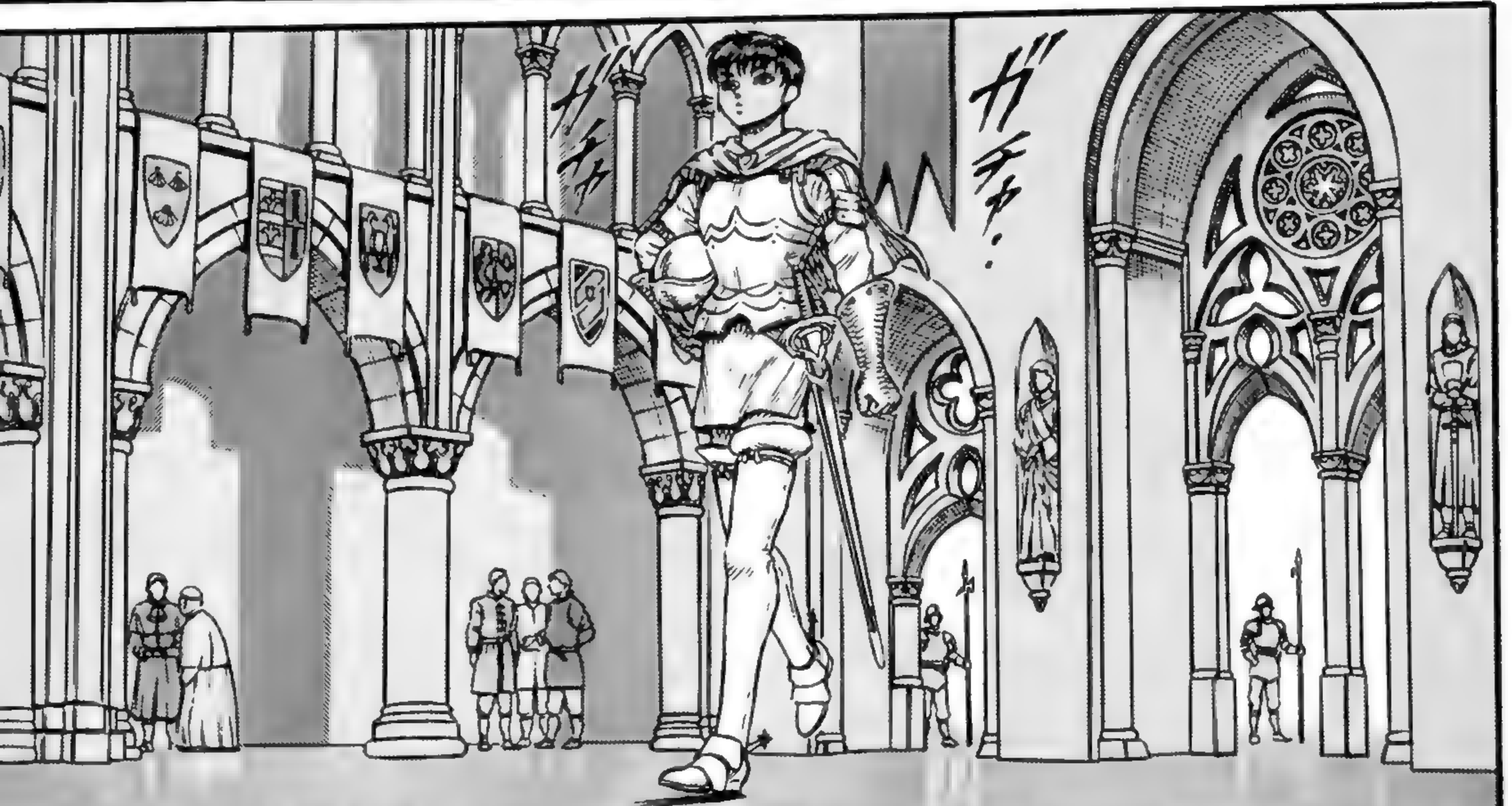
THE ARROW AIMED AT PRINCESS CHARLOTTE AT THE AUTUMN HUNT...

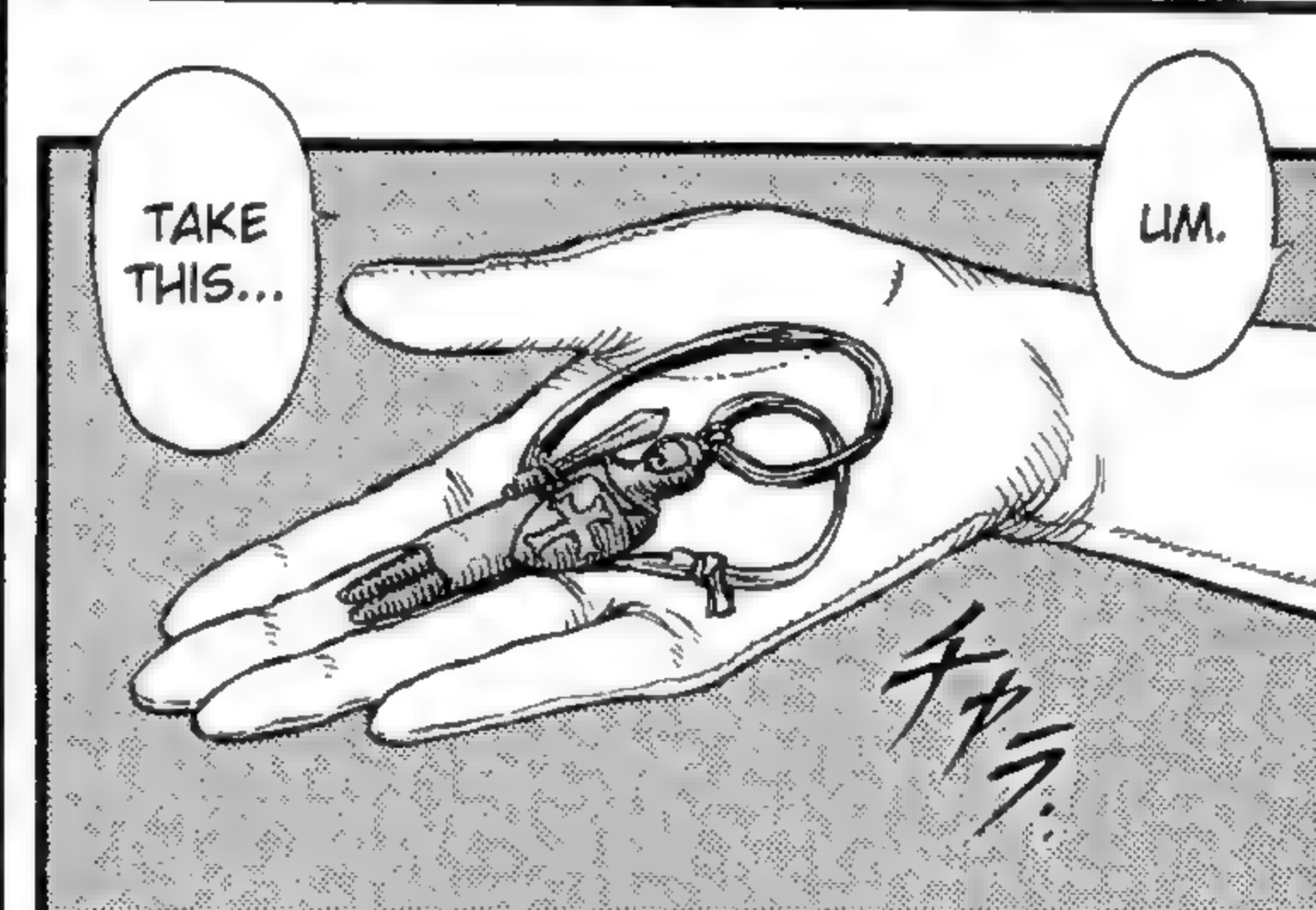
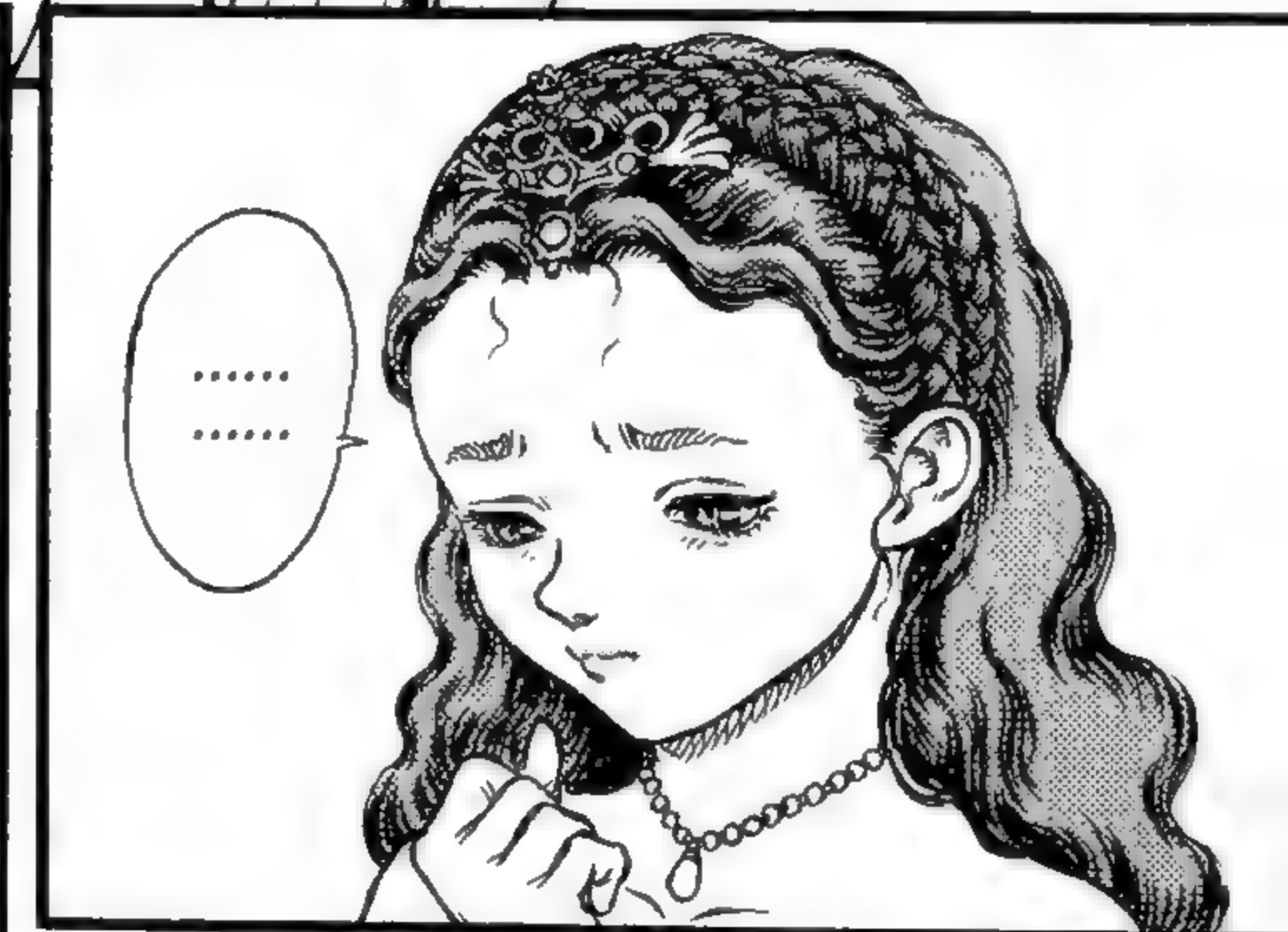
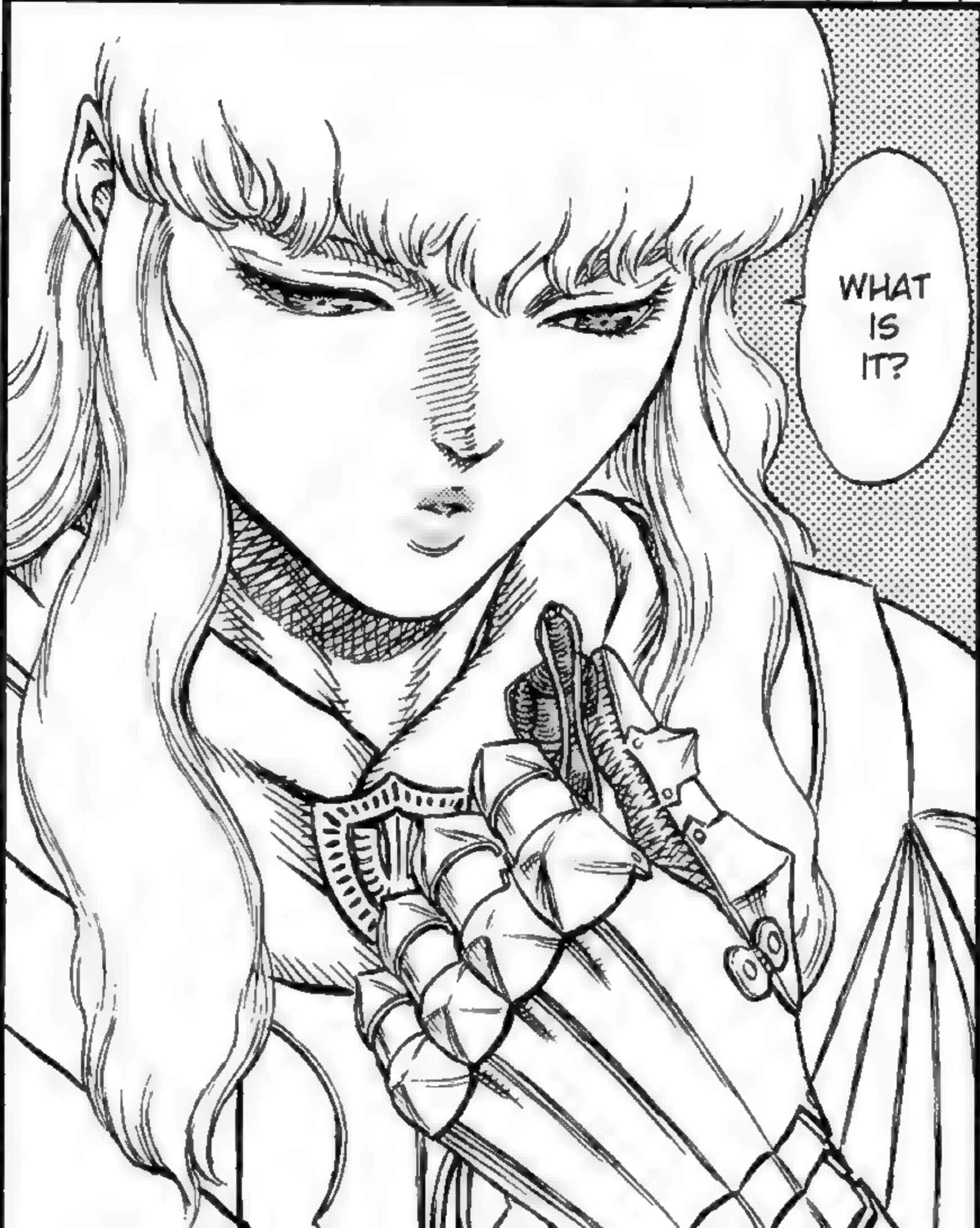
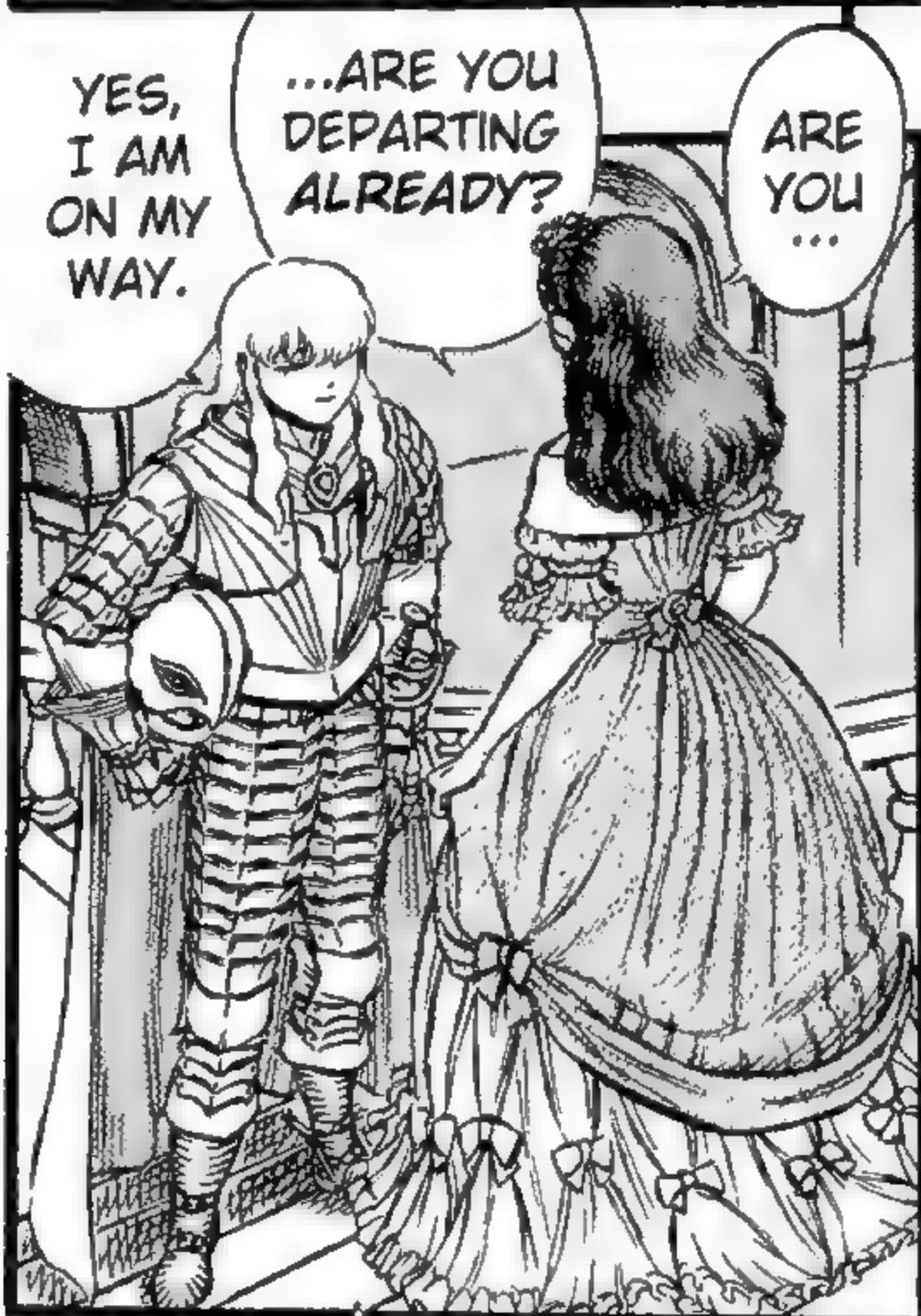
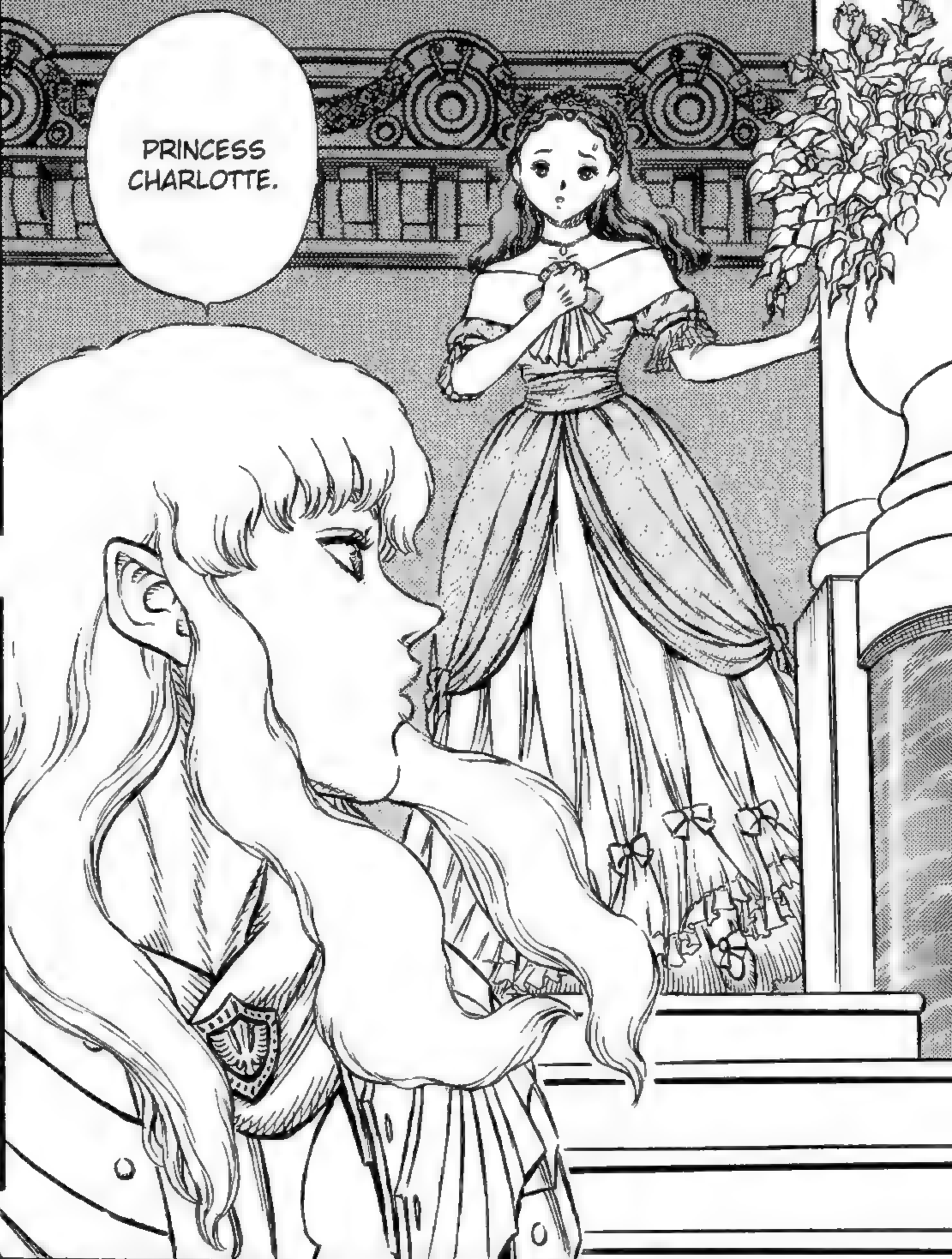








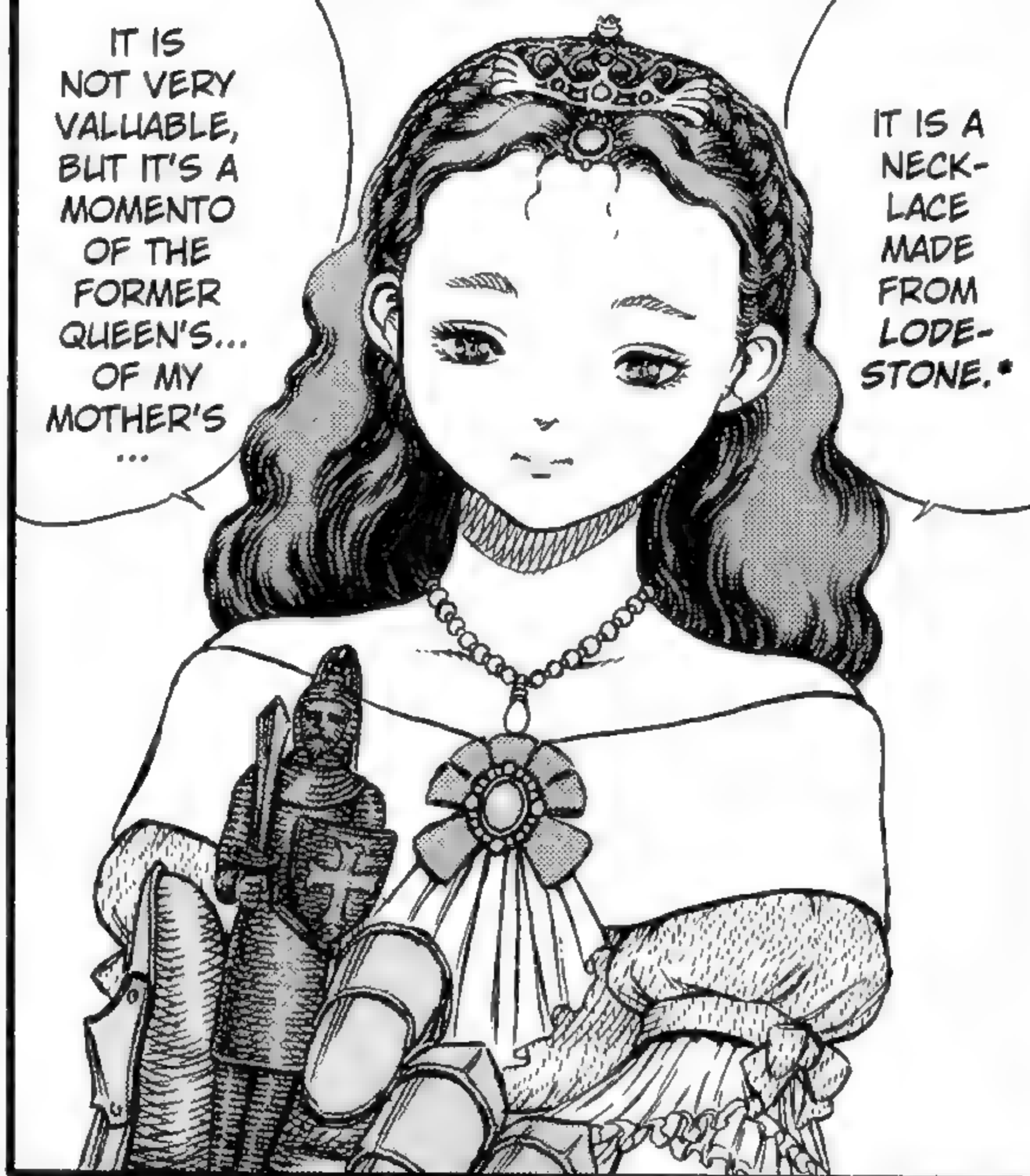






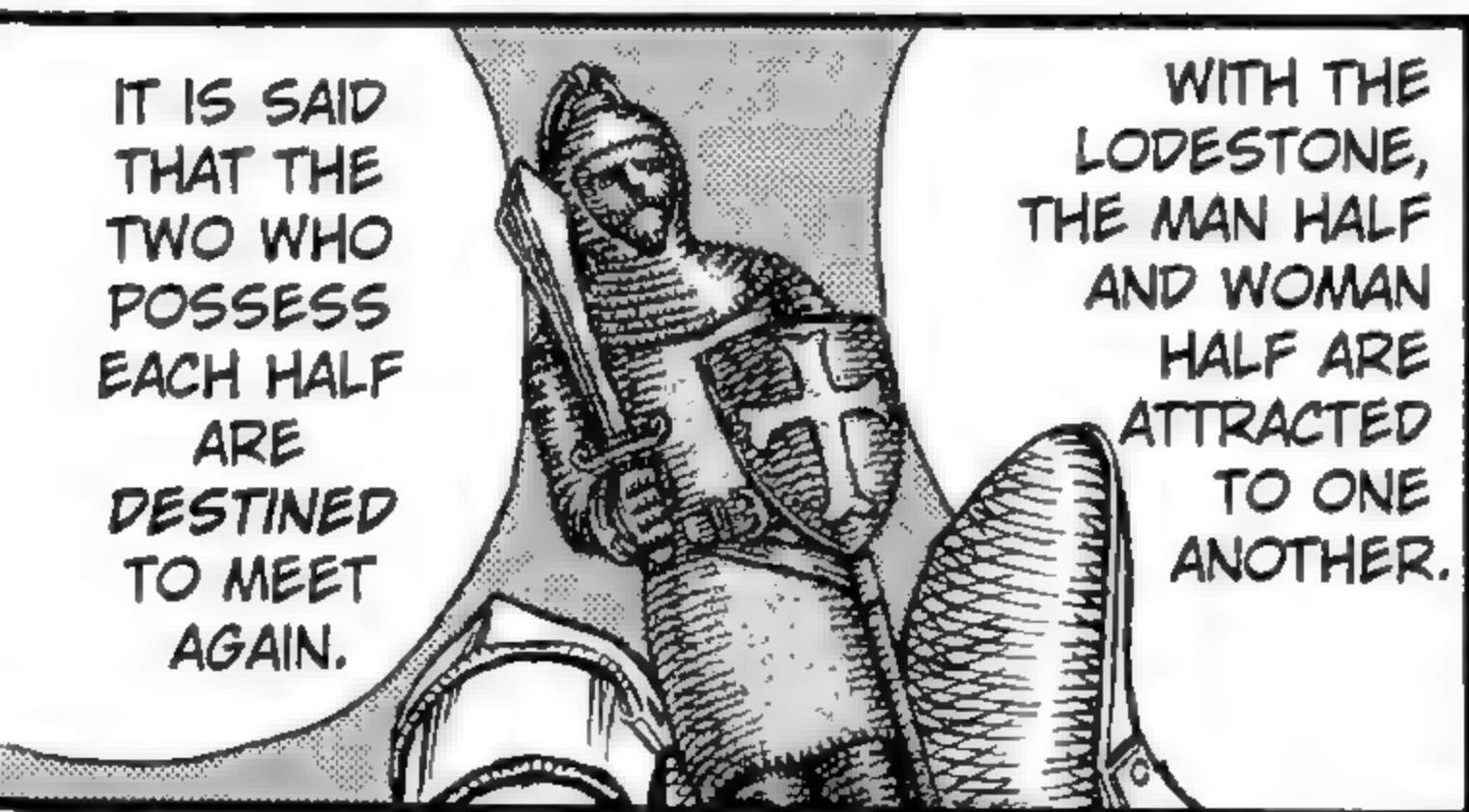
NO,
PLEASE
HAVE
IT!

BUT AN
ITEM
OF
SUCH
IMPORT-
ANCE
...



IT IS
NOT VERY
VALLUABLE,
BUT IT'S A
MOMENTO
OF THE
FORMER
QUEEN'S...
OF MY
MOTHER'S
...

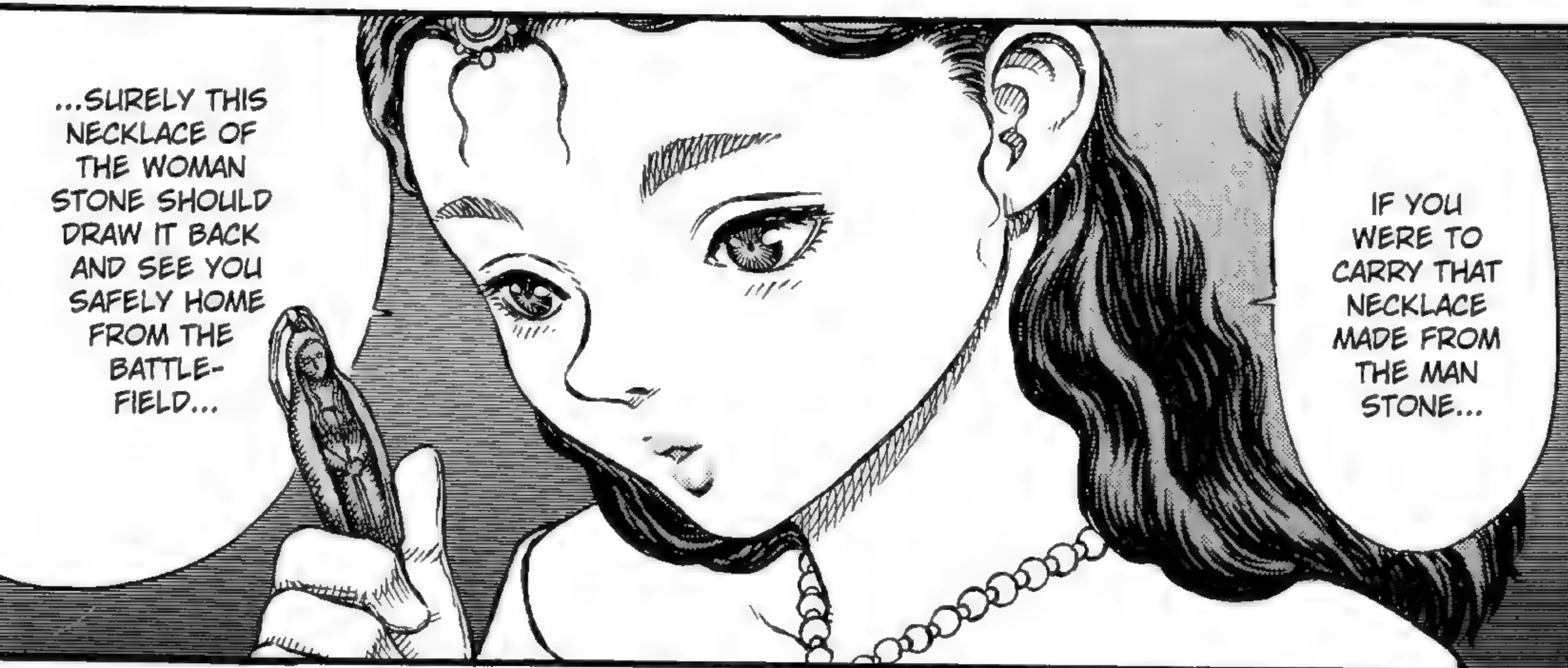
IT IS A
NECK-
LACE
MADE
FROM
LODE-
STONE.*



IT IS SAID
THAT THE
TWO WHO
POSSESS
EACH HALF
ARE
DESTINED
TO MEET
AGAIN.

WITH THE
LODESTONE,
THE MAN HALF
AND WOMAN
HALF ARE
ATTRACTED
TO ONE
ANOTHER.

*A NATURALLY OCCURRING MAGNET.



...SURELY THIS
NECKLACE OF
THE WOMAN
STONE SHOULD
DRAW IT BACK
AND SEE YOU
SAFELY HOME
FROM THE
BATTLE-
FIELD...

IF YOU
WERE TO
CARRY THAT
NECKLACE
MADE FROM
THE MAN
STONE...



BUT
--!

THERE IS NO
WAY I CAN
KEEP SUCH AN
IMPORTANT
KEEPSAKE
OF YOUR
HIGHNESS'.

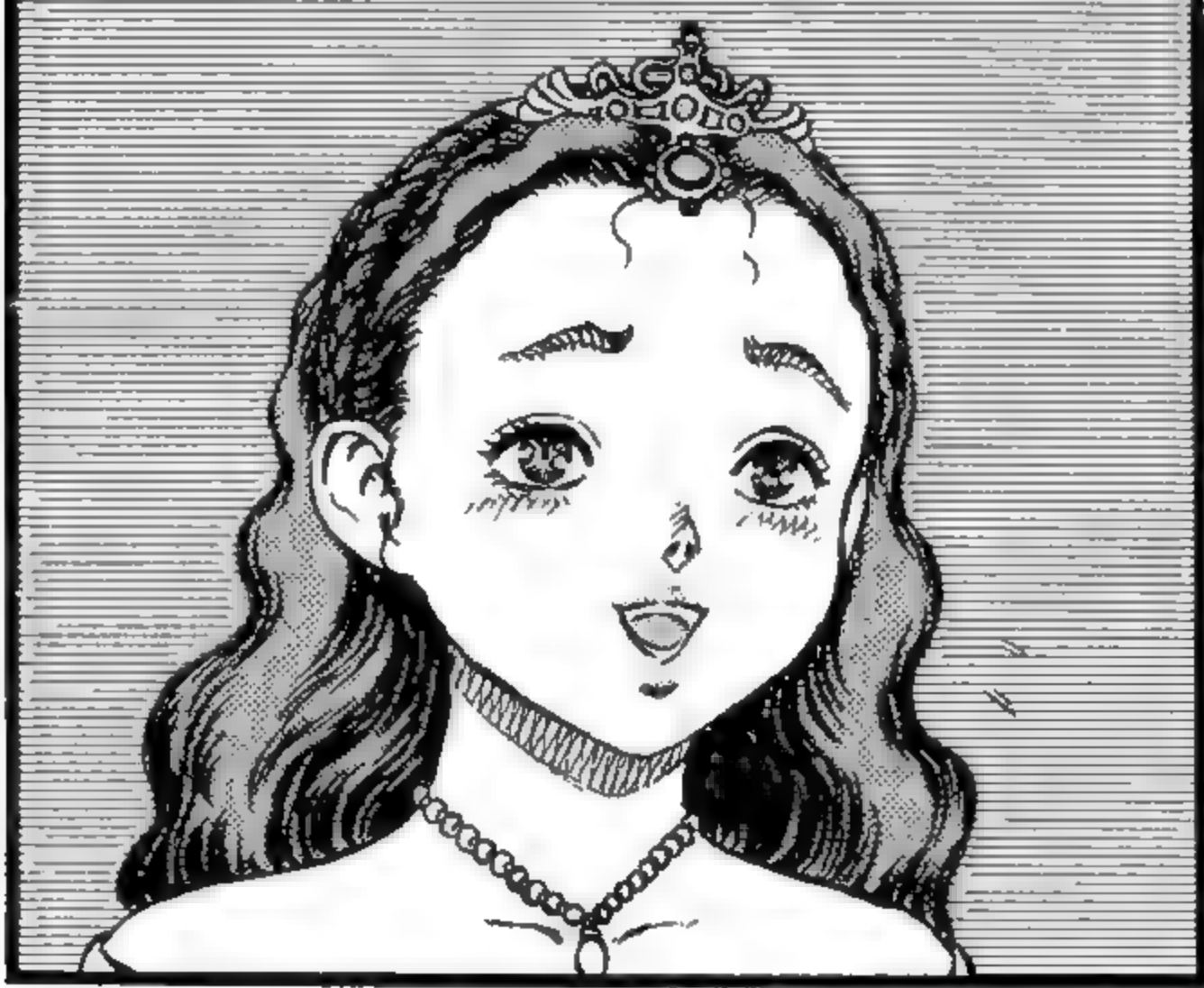


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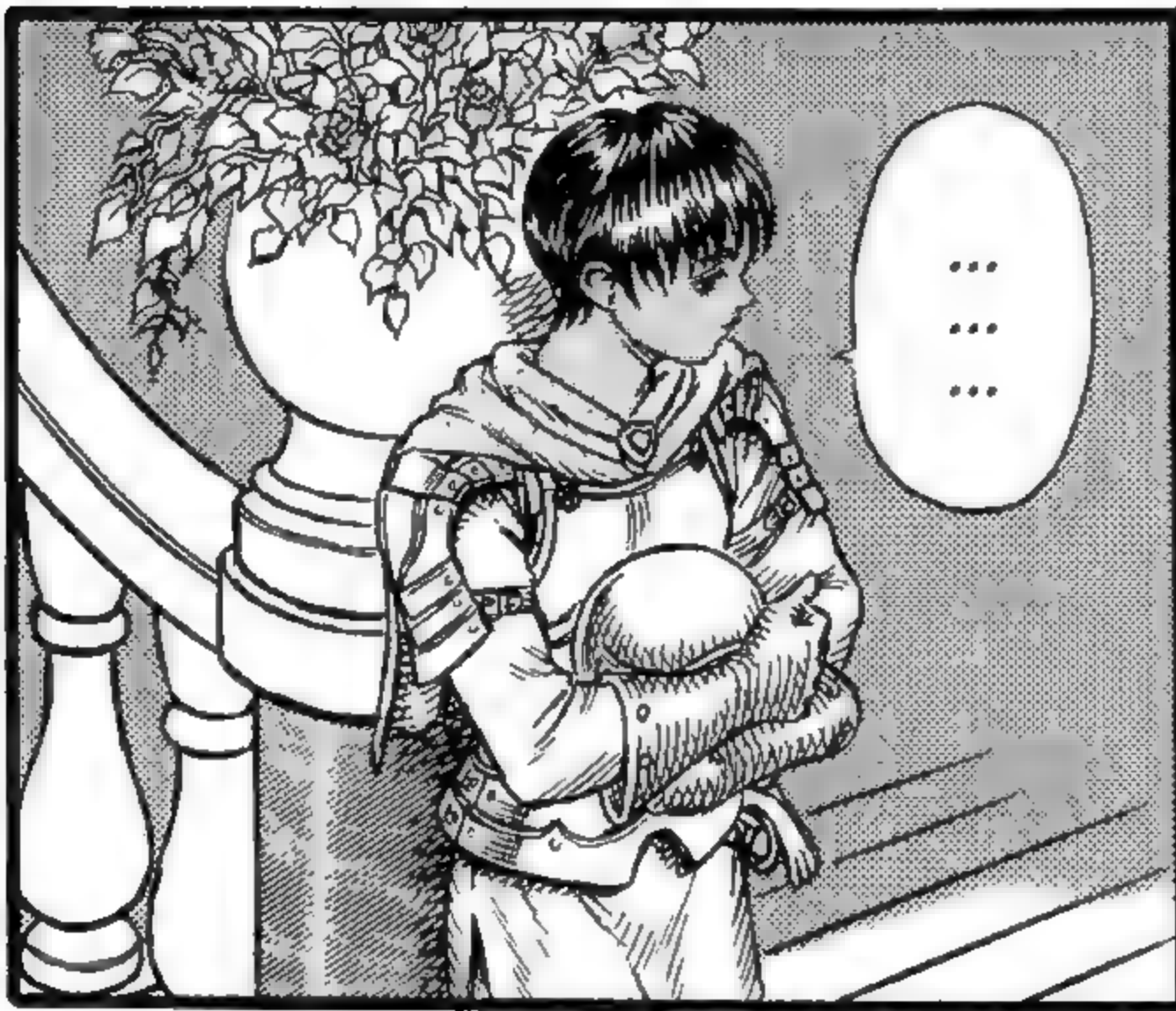
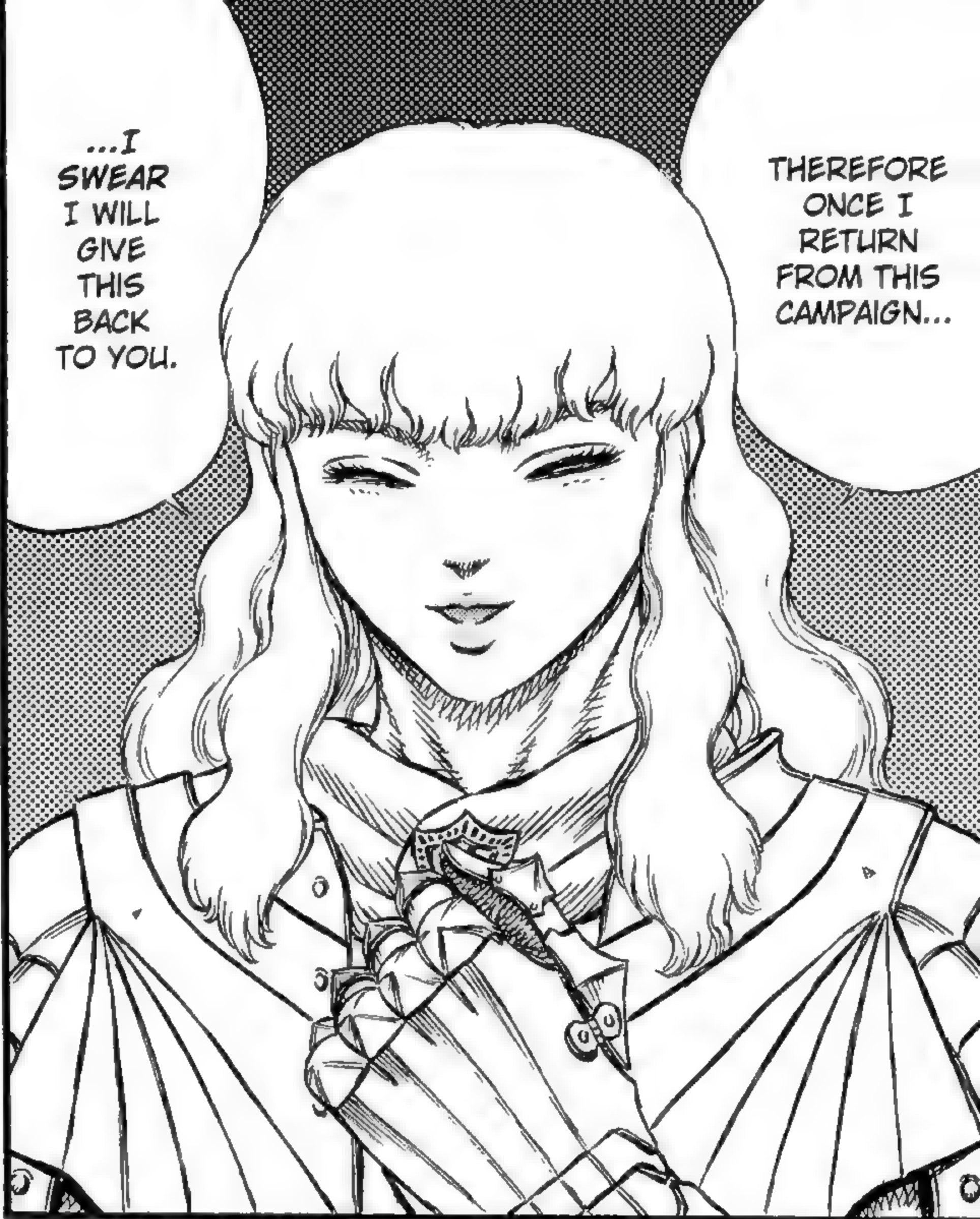
SO
PLEASE...

...ACCEPT
IT.



...I
SWEAR
I WILL
GIVE
THIS
BACK
TO YOU.

THEREFORE
ONCE I
RETURN
FROM THIS
CAMPAIGN...



...
...
...



PLEASE
...

LORD
GRIFFITH
...



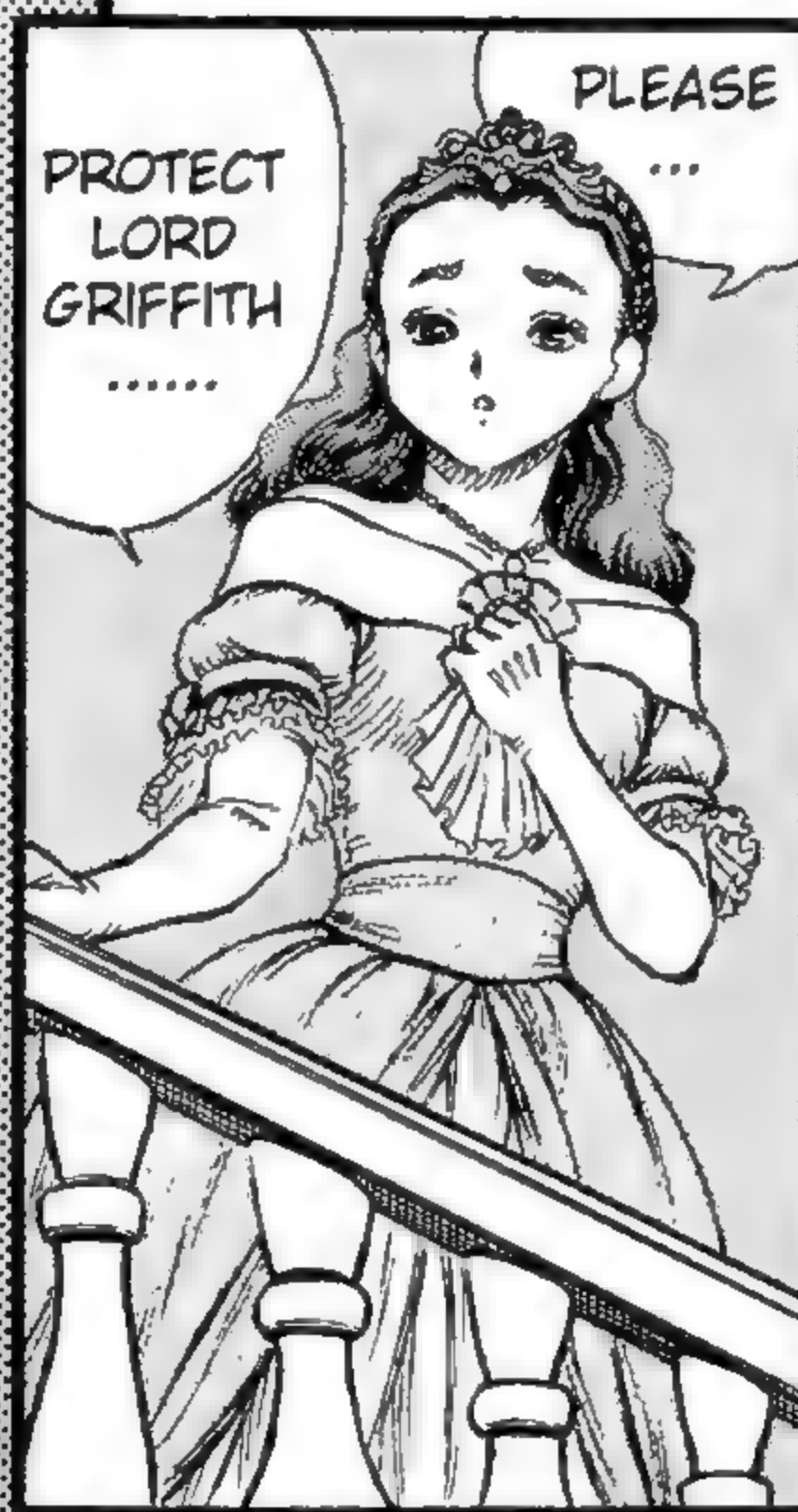
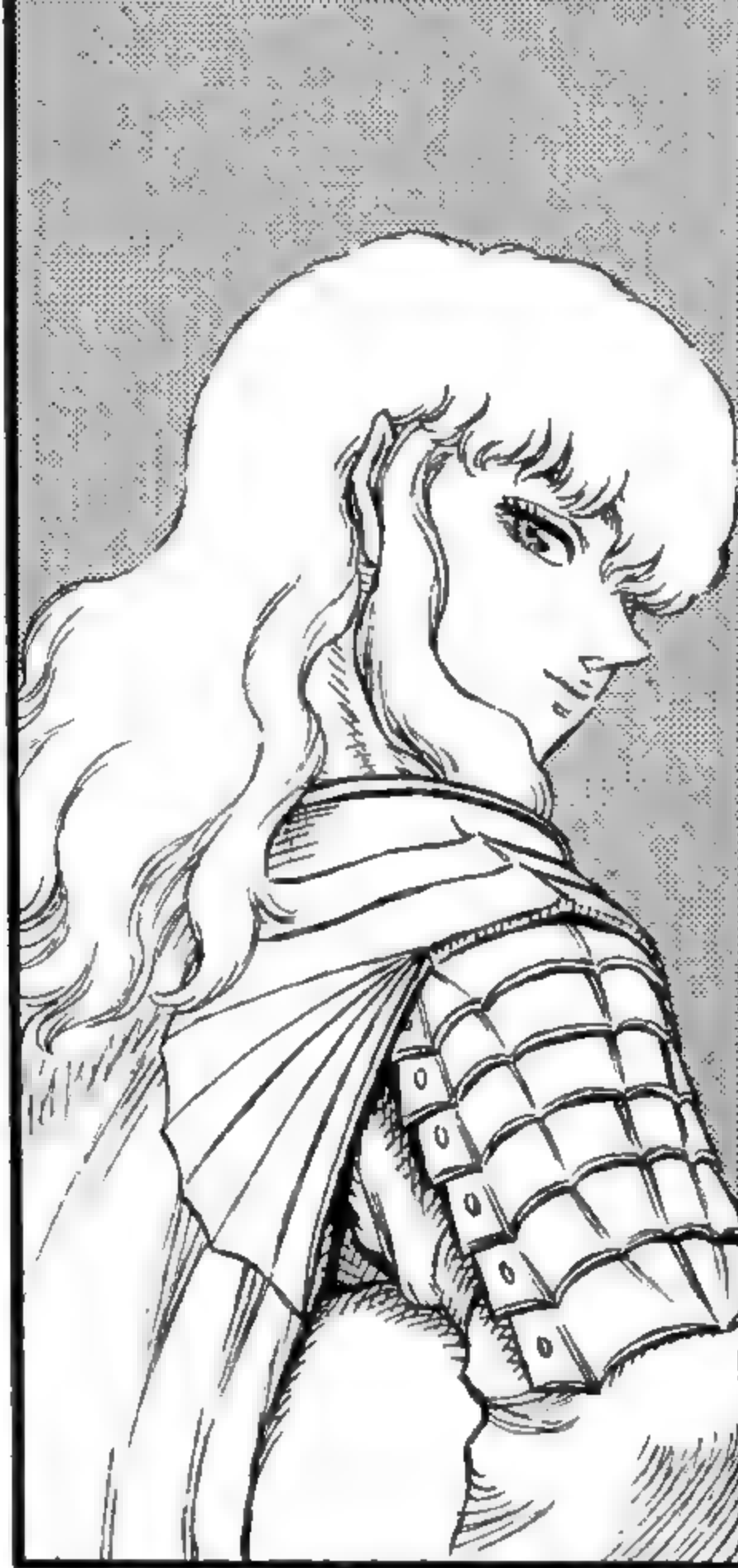
I HAVE NEVER
DREADED
BATTLE...AS
MUCH I DO
THIS TIME.

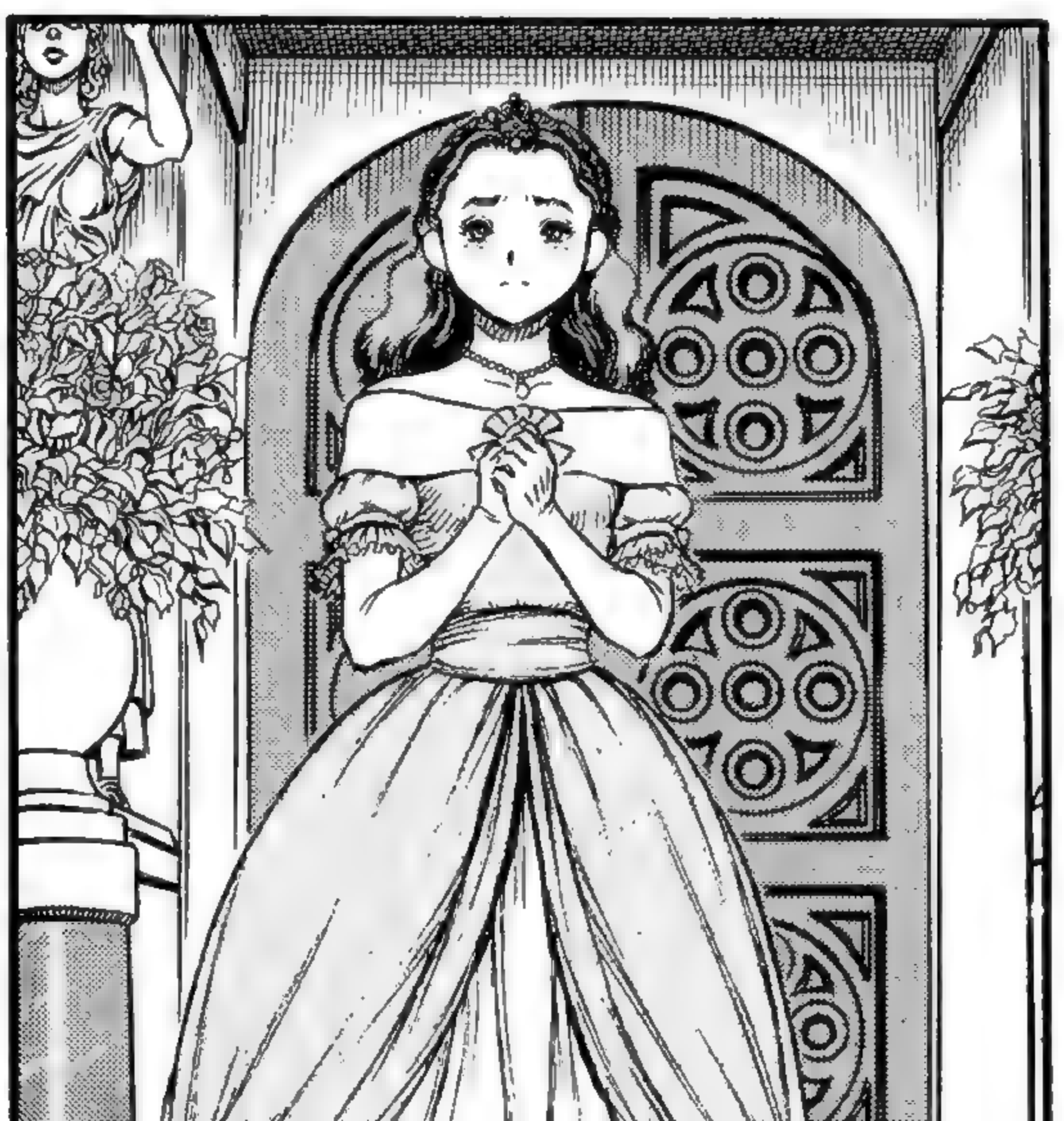
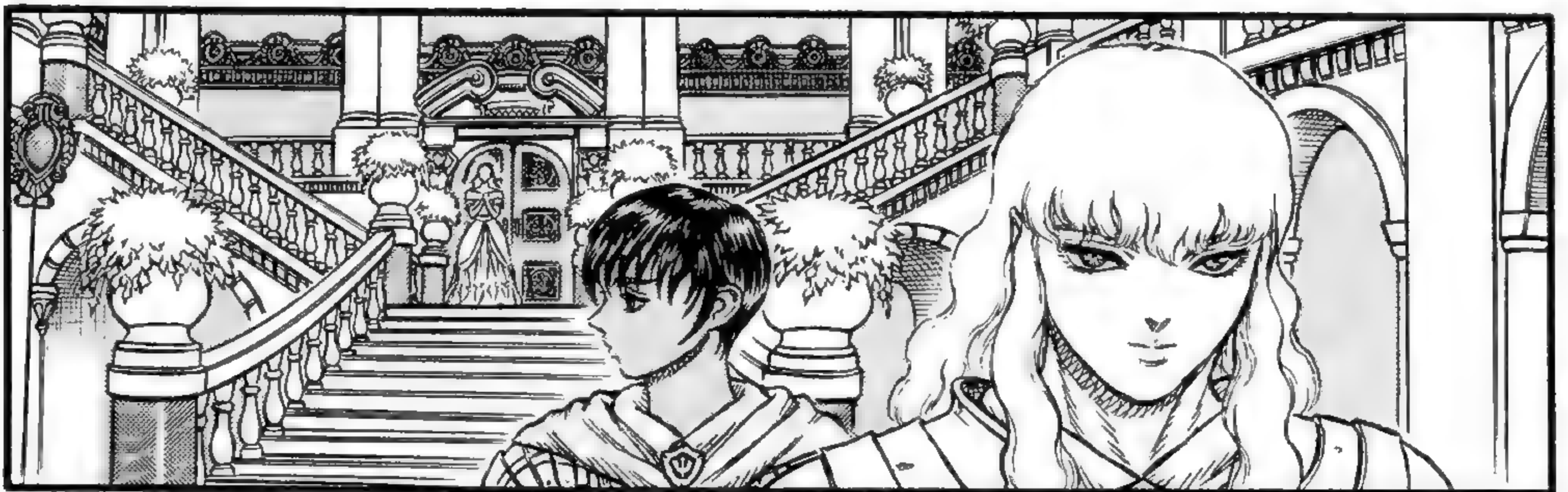
I...

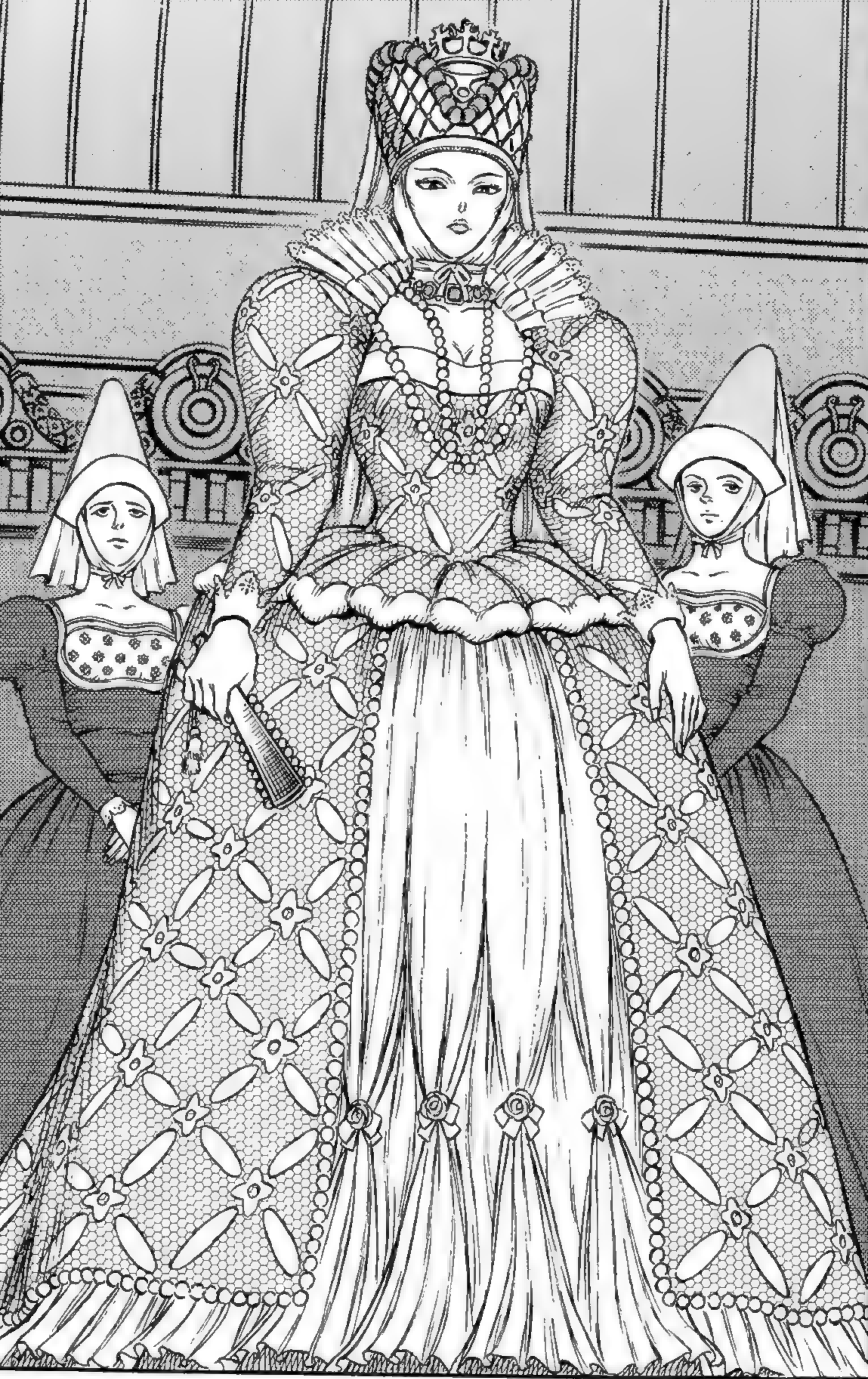


BE
SAFE...

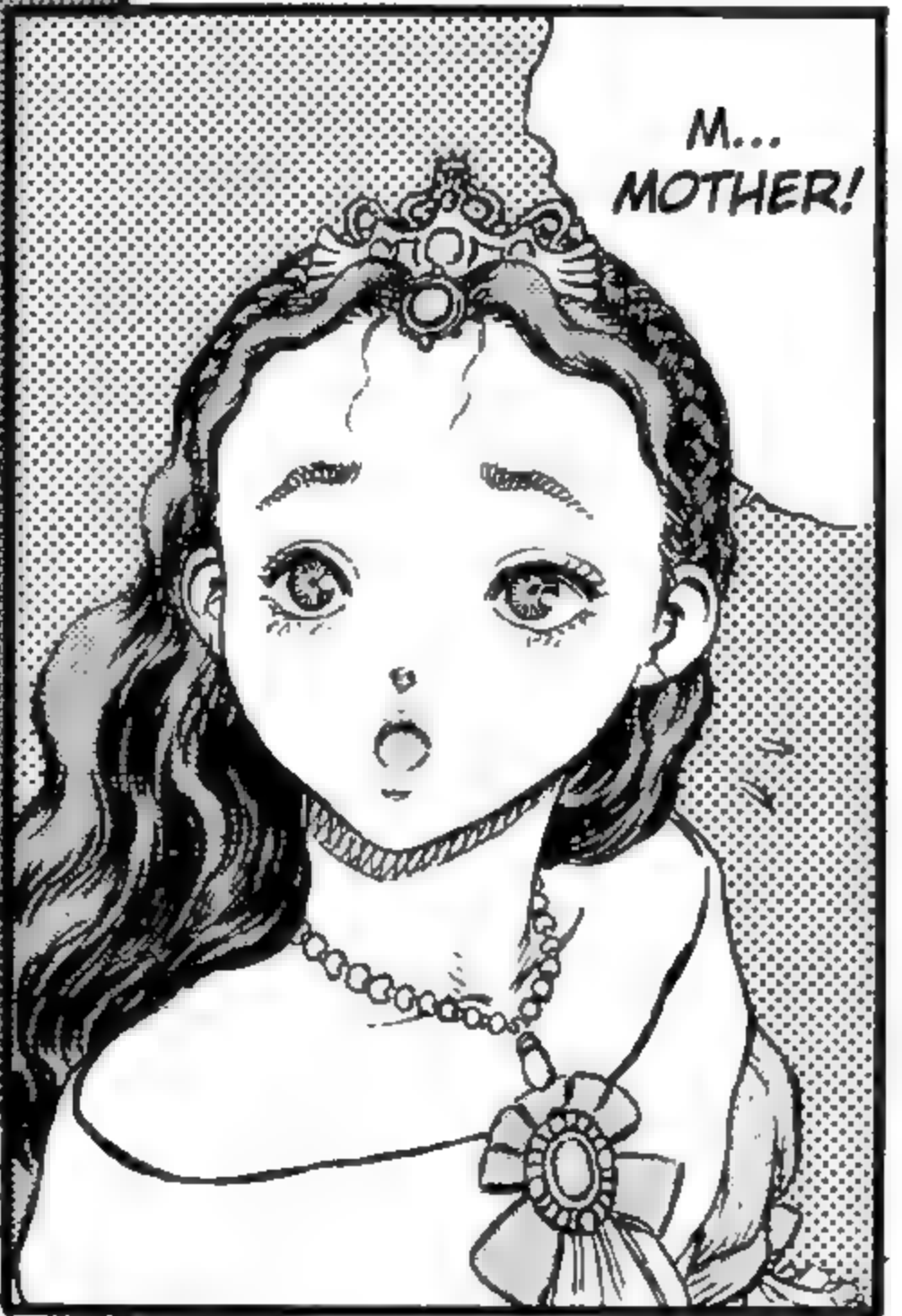
...
PLEASE.







CHAR-
LOTTE!



M...
MOTHER!



CHARLOTTE.

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK
YOU ARE
DOING?



UNACCEPT-
ABLE!

IT'S MY
BUSINESS
TO WHOM I
GIVE MY
THINGS!

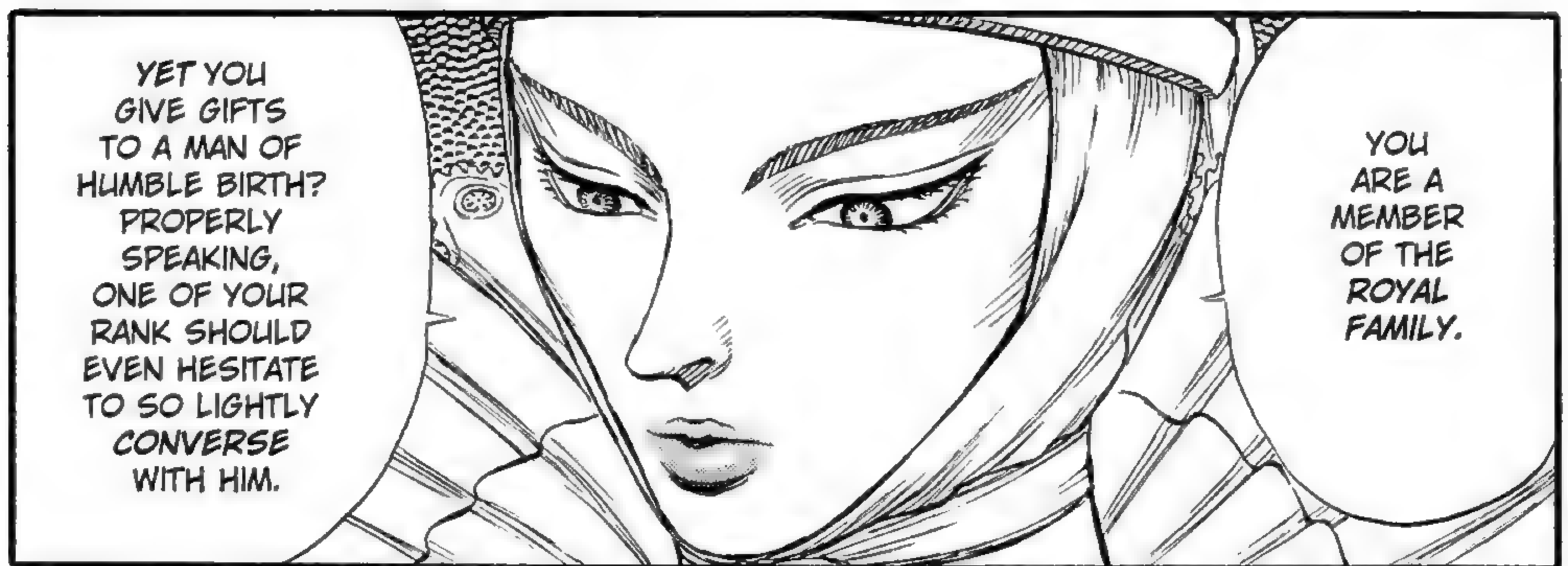


WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN
.....?



DO
NOT
FEIGN
IGNOR-
ANCE.

GIVING
GIFTS TO
ONE SUCH
AS HIM...



YET YOU
GIVE GIFTS
TO A MAN OF
HUMBLE BIRTH?
PROPERLY
SPEAKING,
ONE OF YOUR
RANK SHOULD
EVEN HESITATE
TO SO LIGHTLY
CONVERSE
WITH HIM.

YOU
ARE A
MEMBER
OF THE
ROYAL
FAMILY.

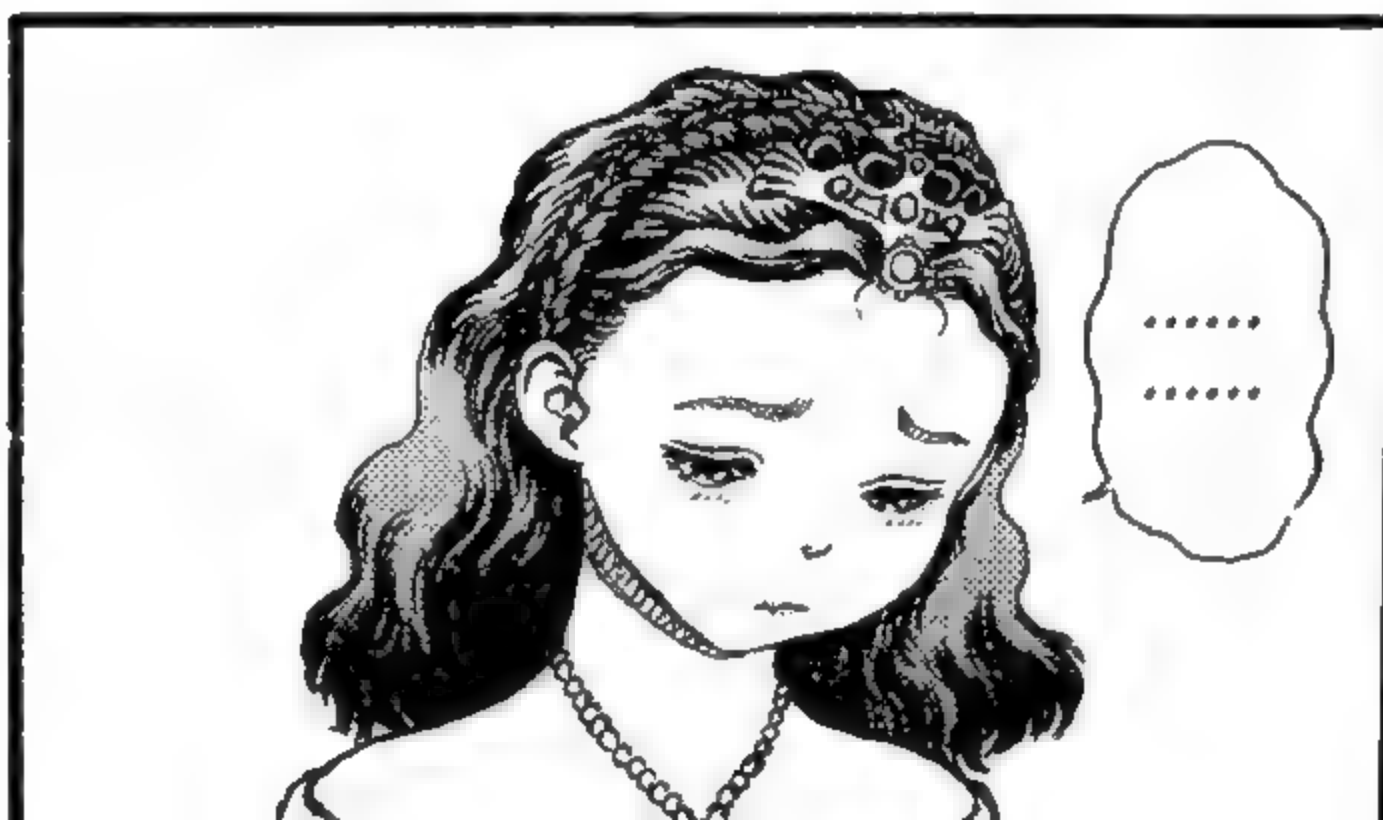


BUT
...

TRY
REMEMBERING
THAT YOU
ARE THE
PRINCESS
OF MIDLAND.

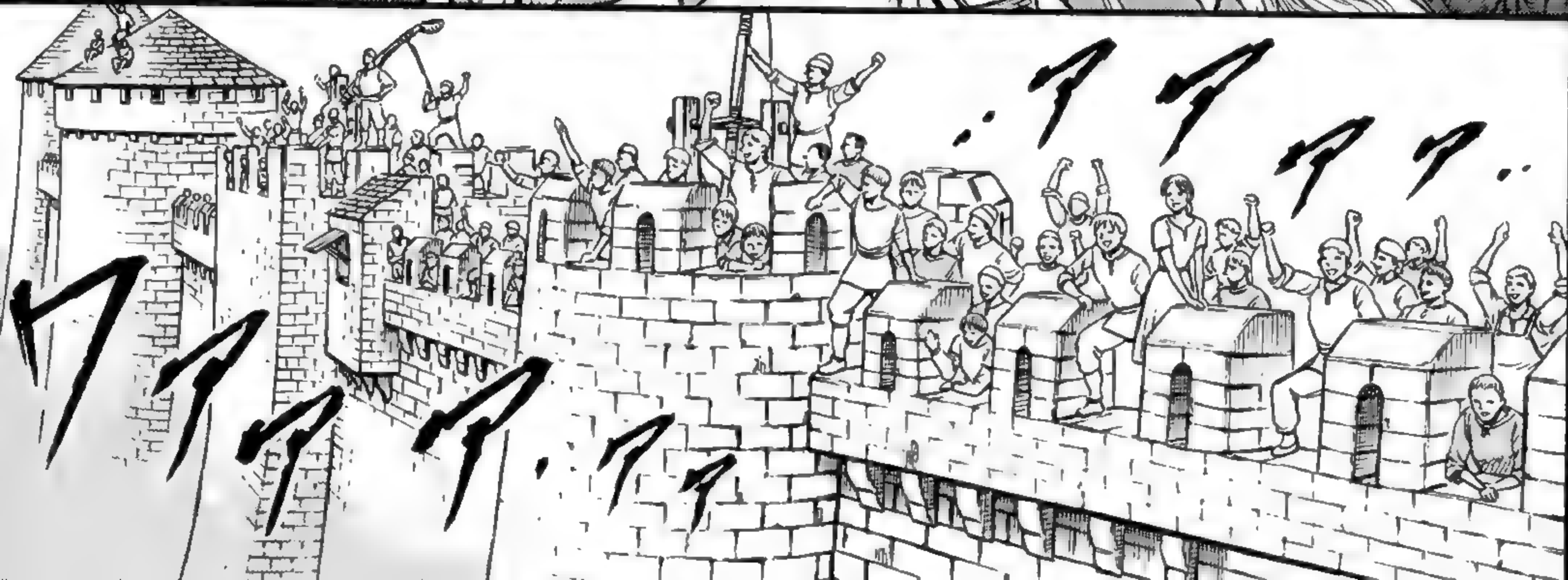
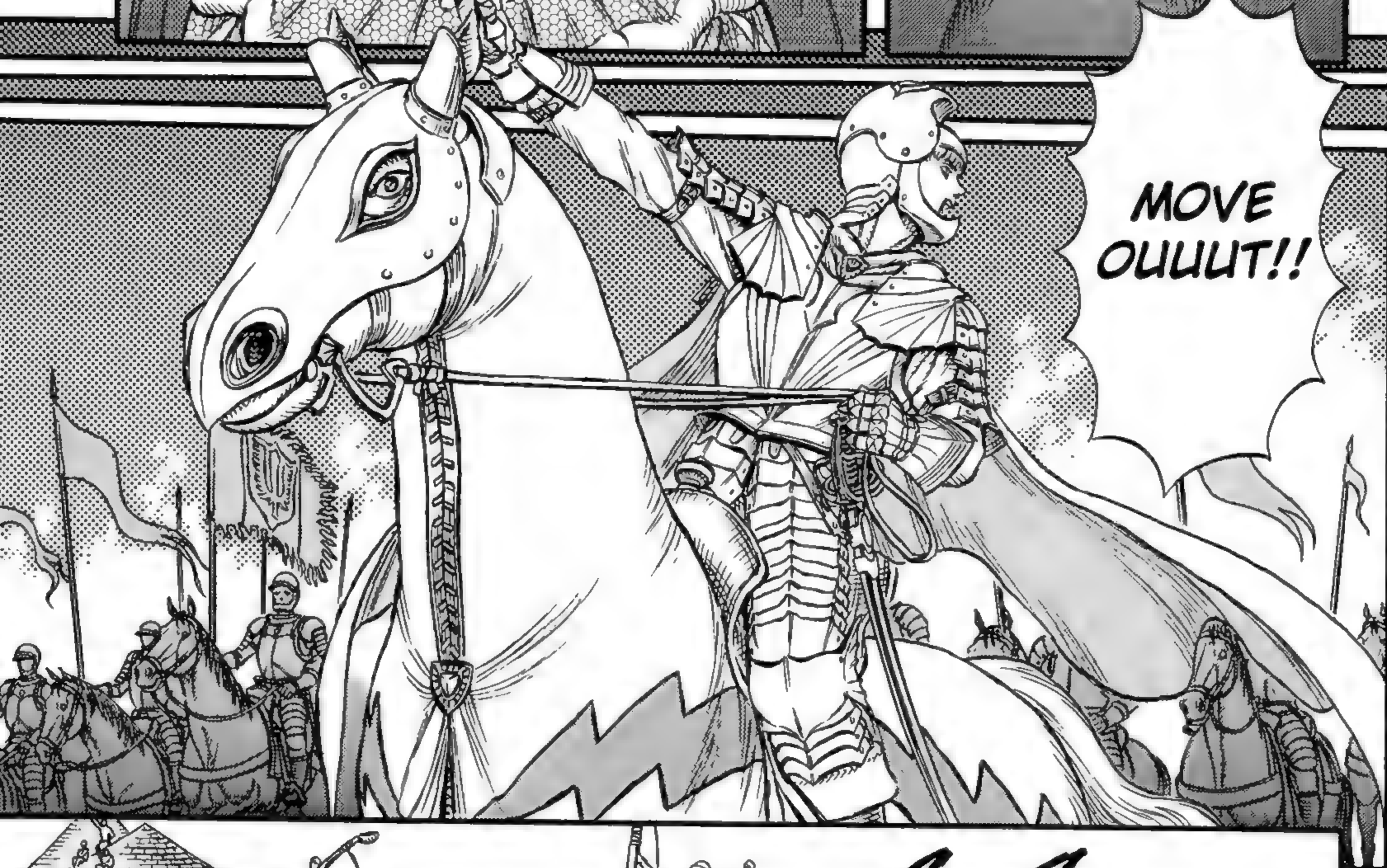
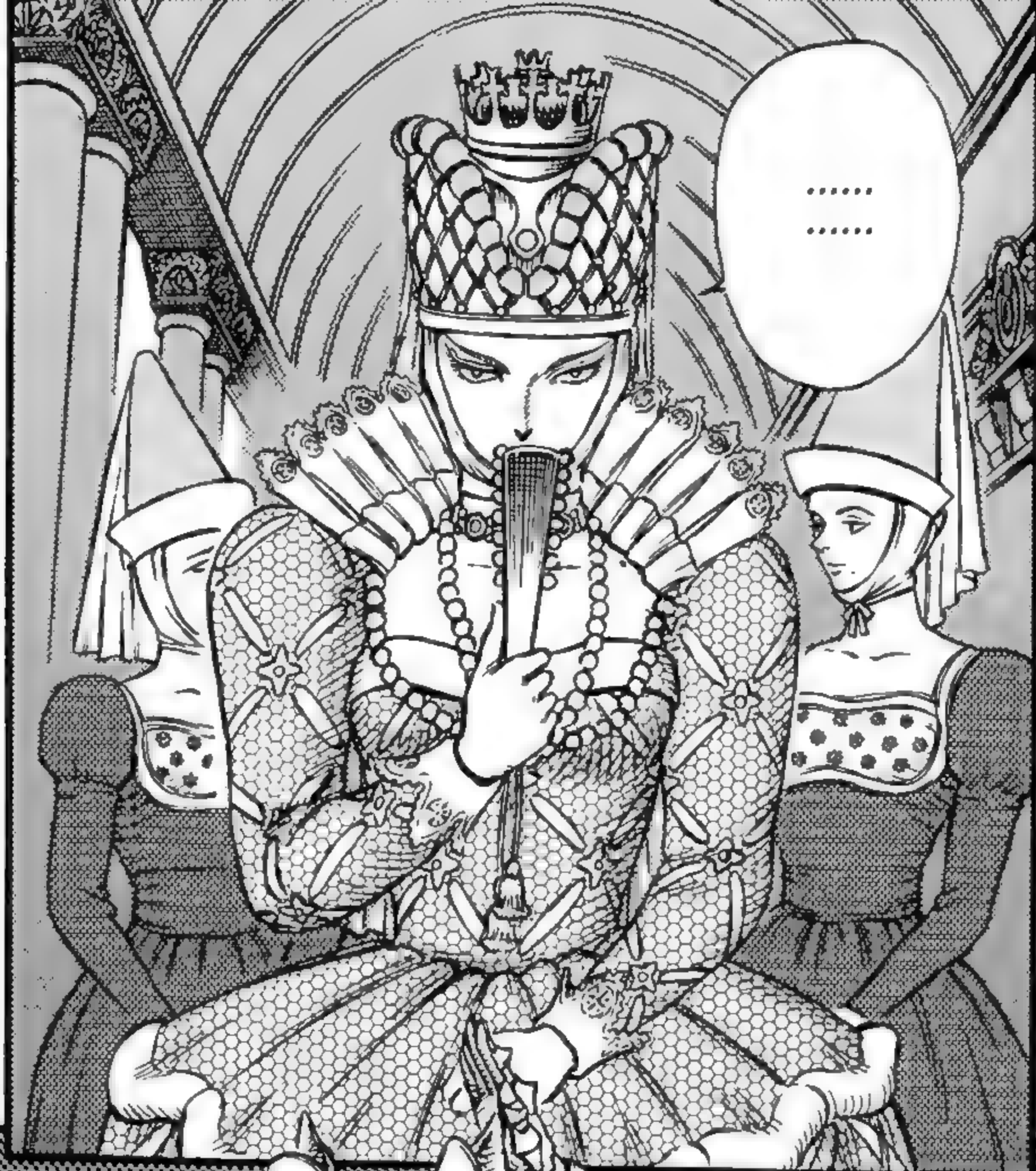
YOU ARE
SIXTEEN NOW,
NO LONGER
A CHILD.

BUT...
MOTHER!!

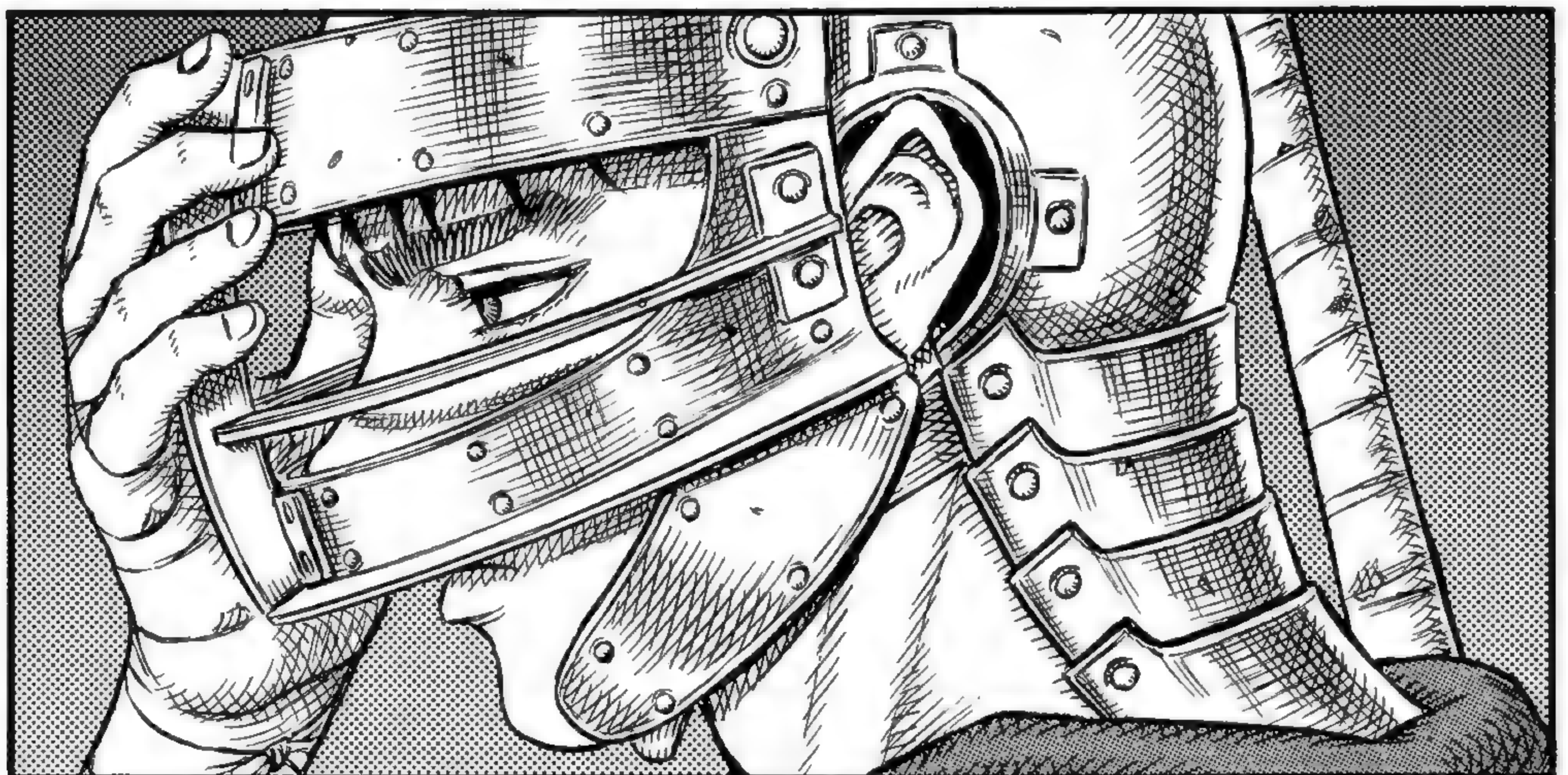
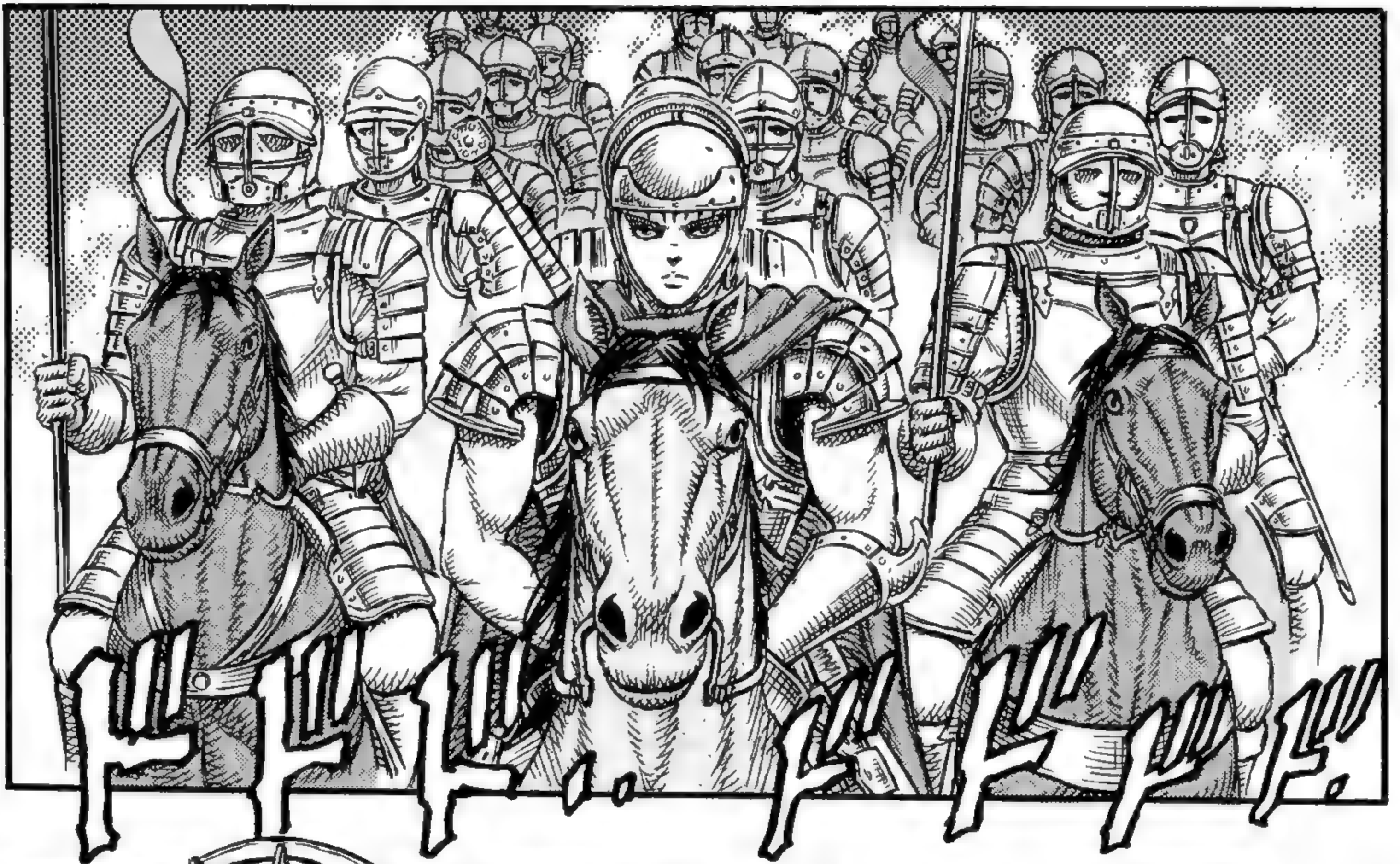


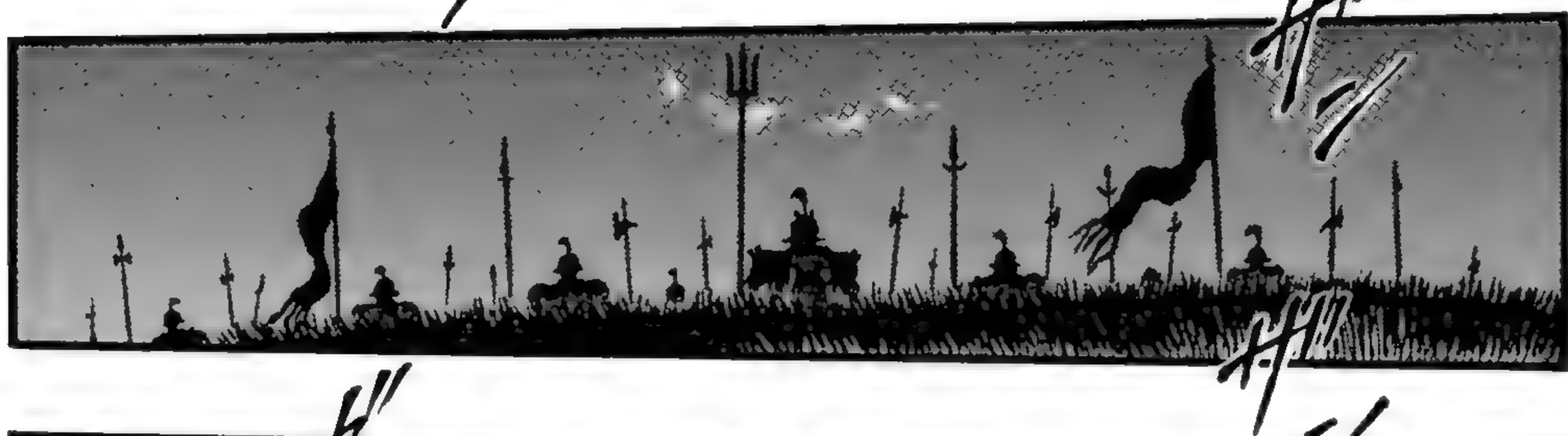
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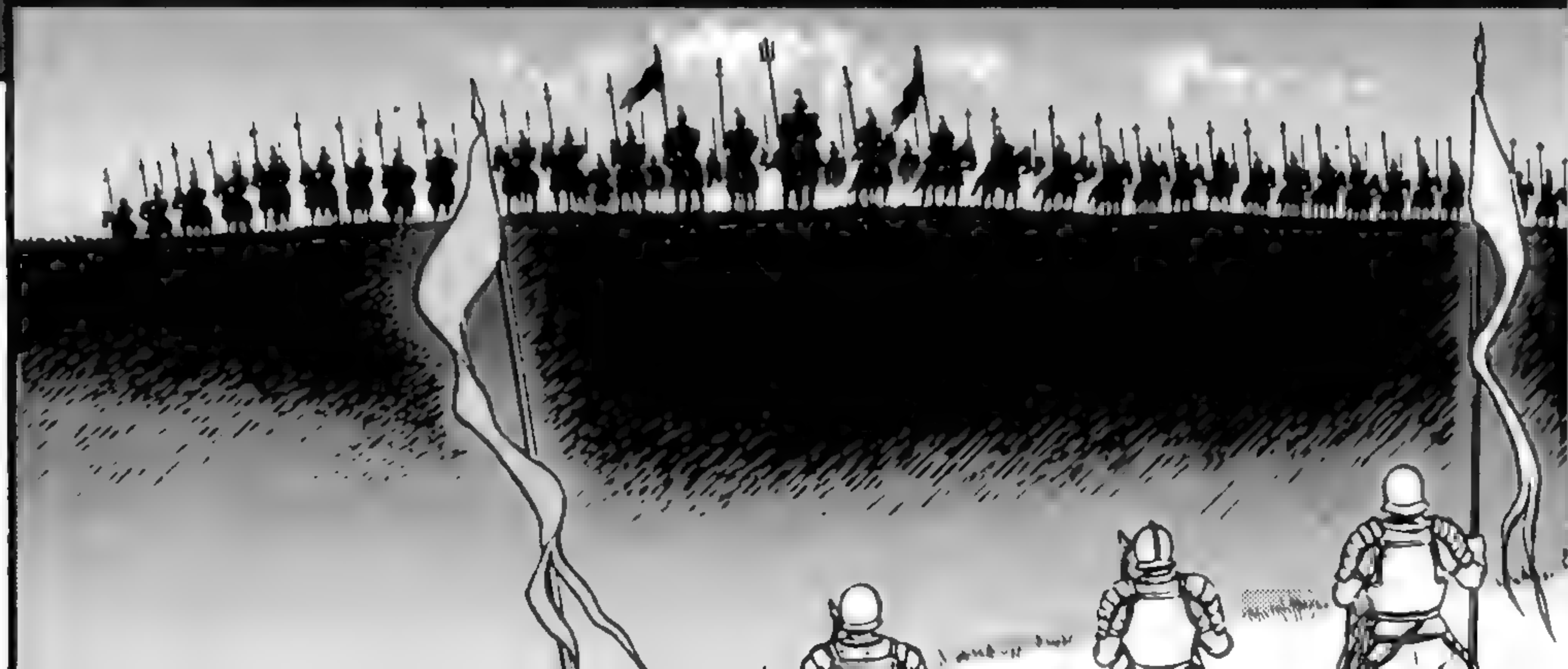
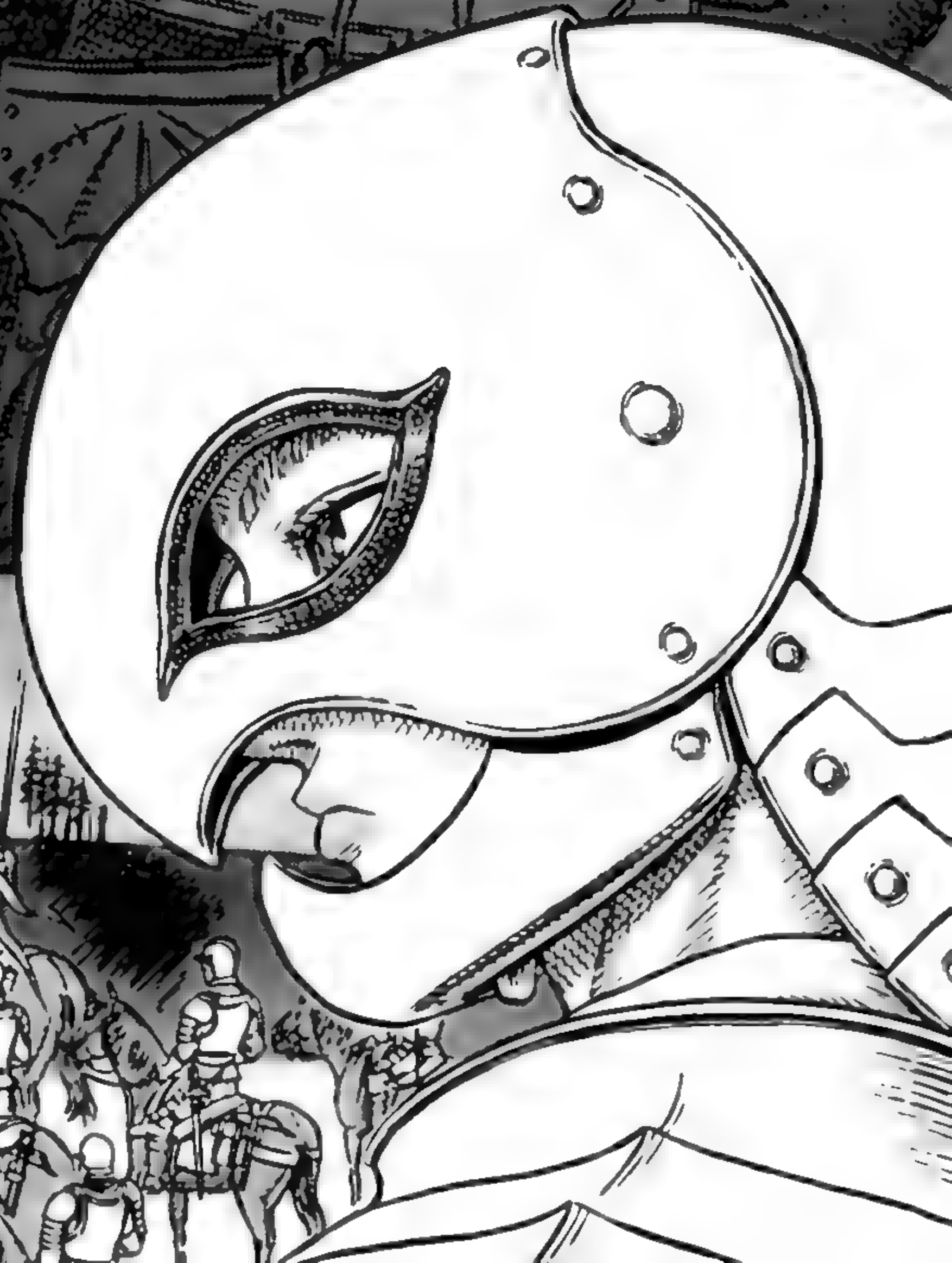


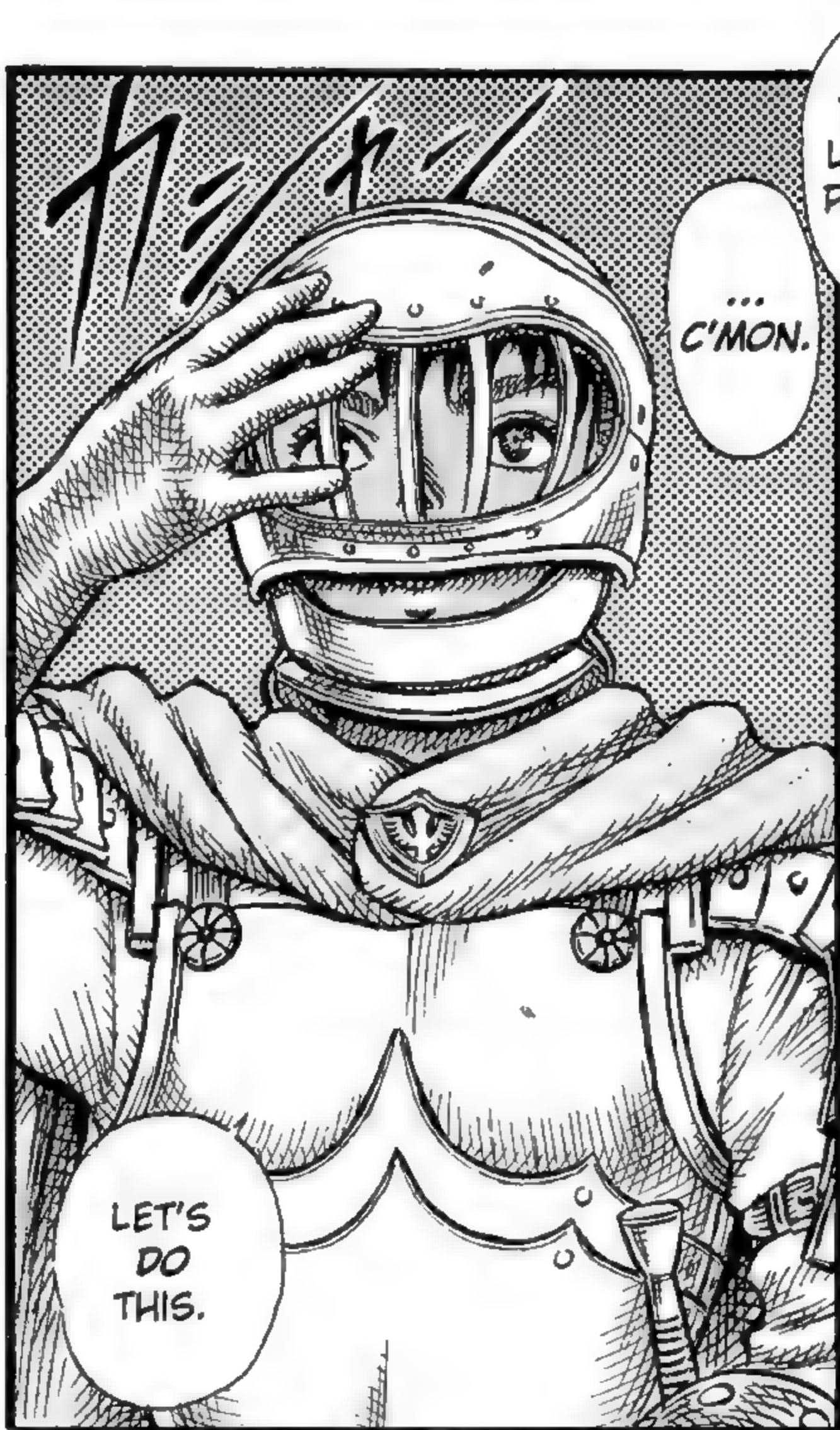
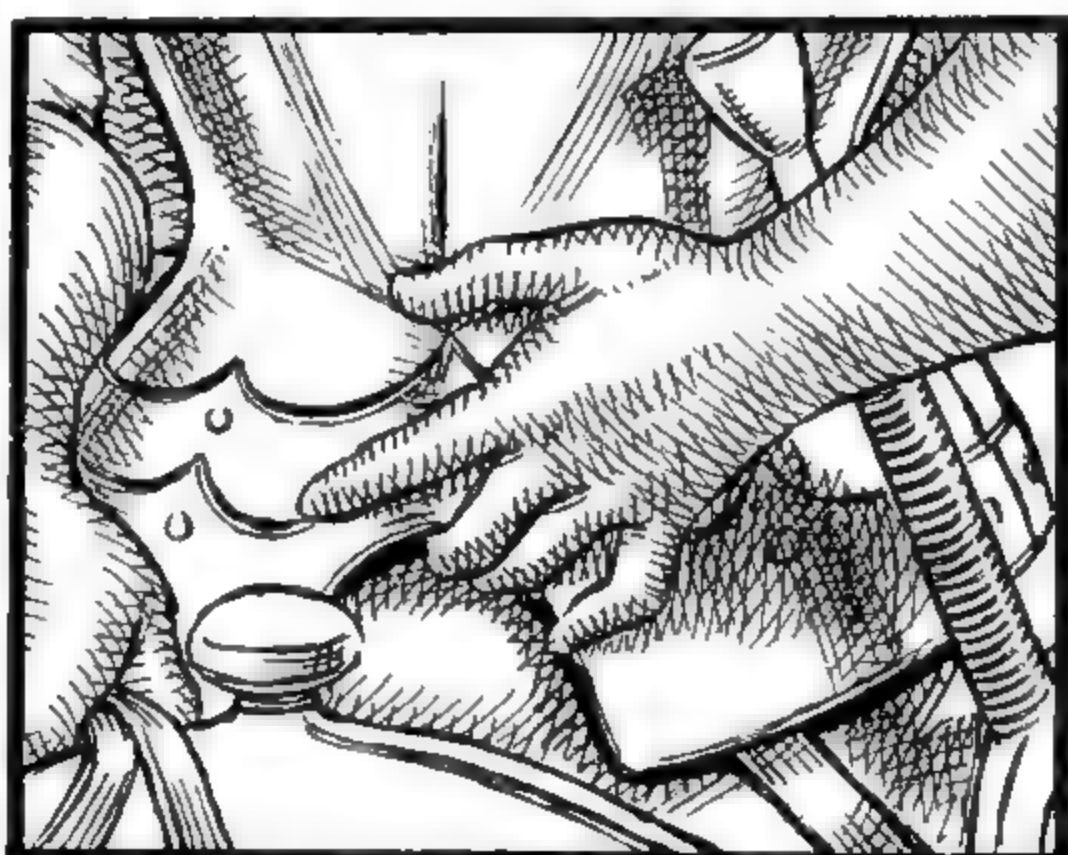


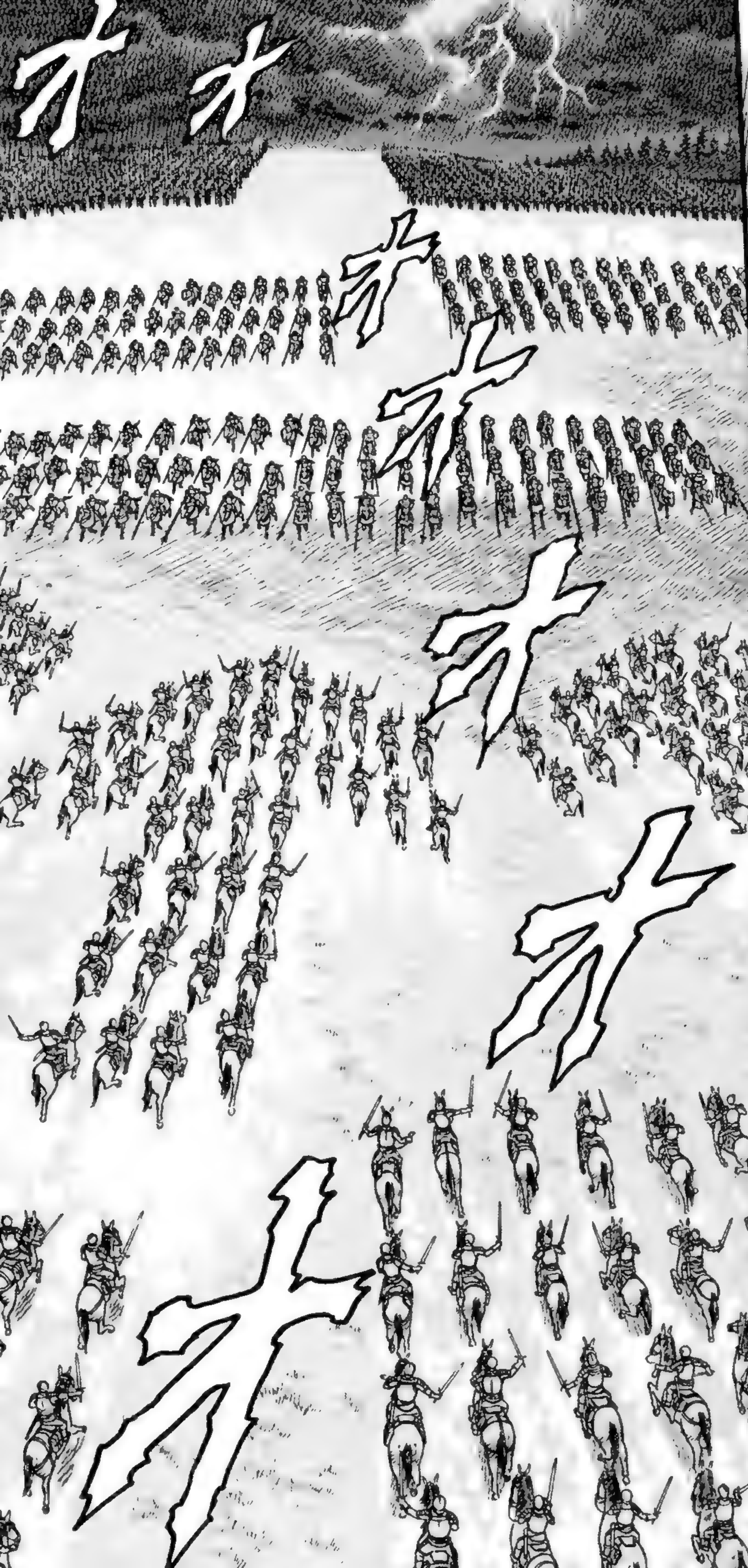


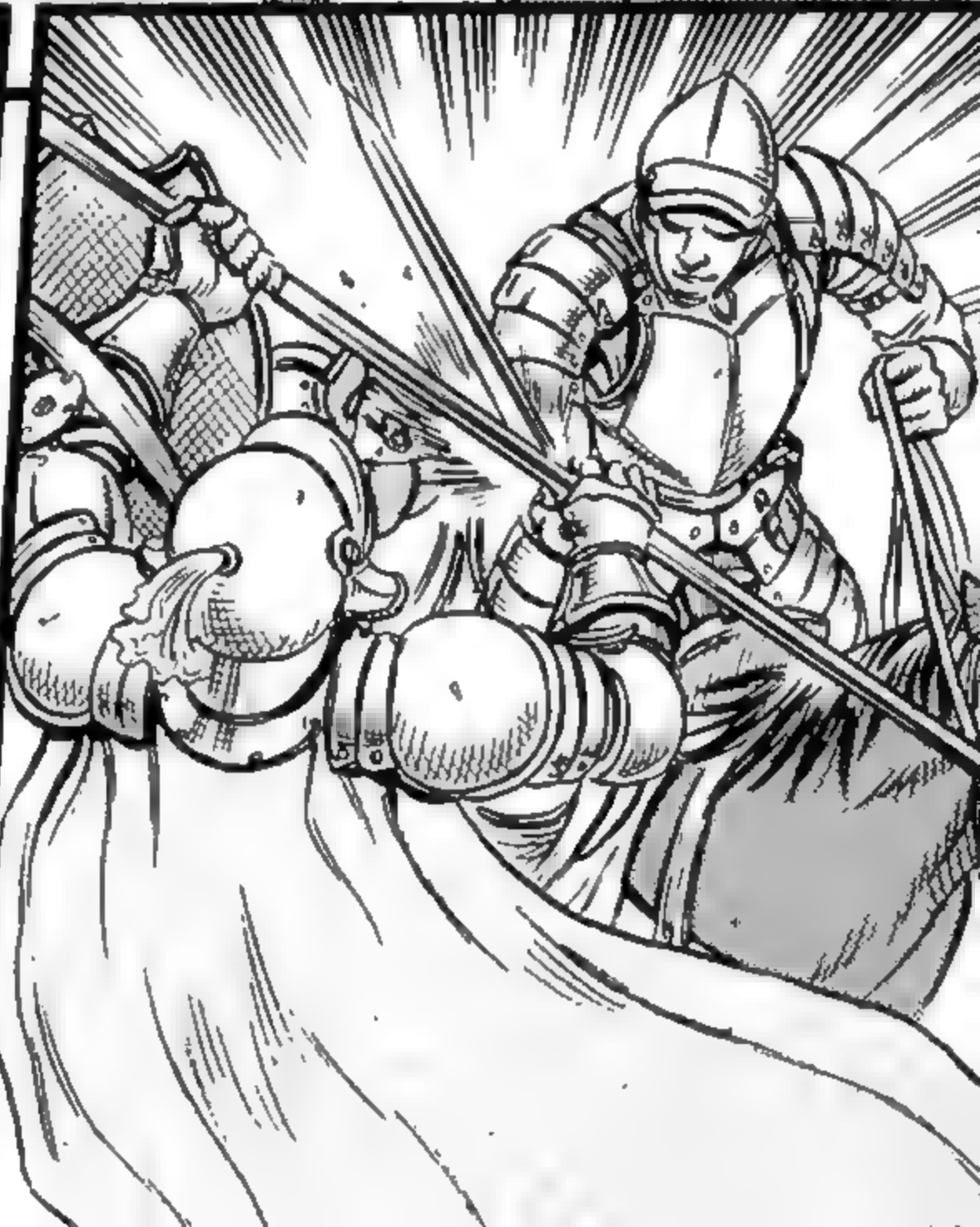
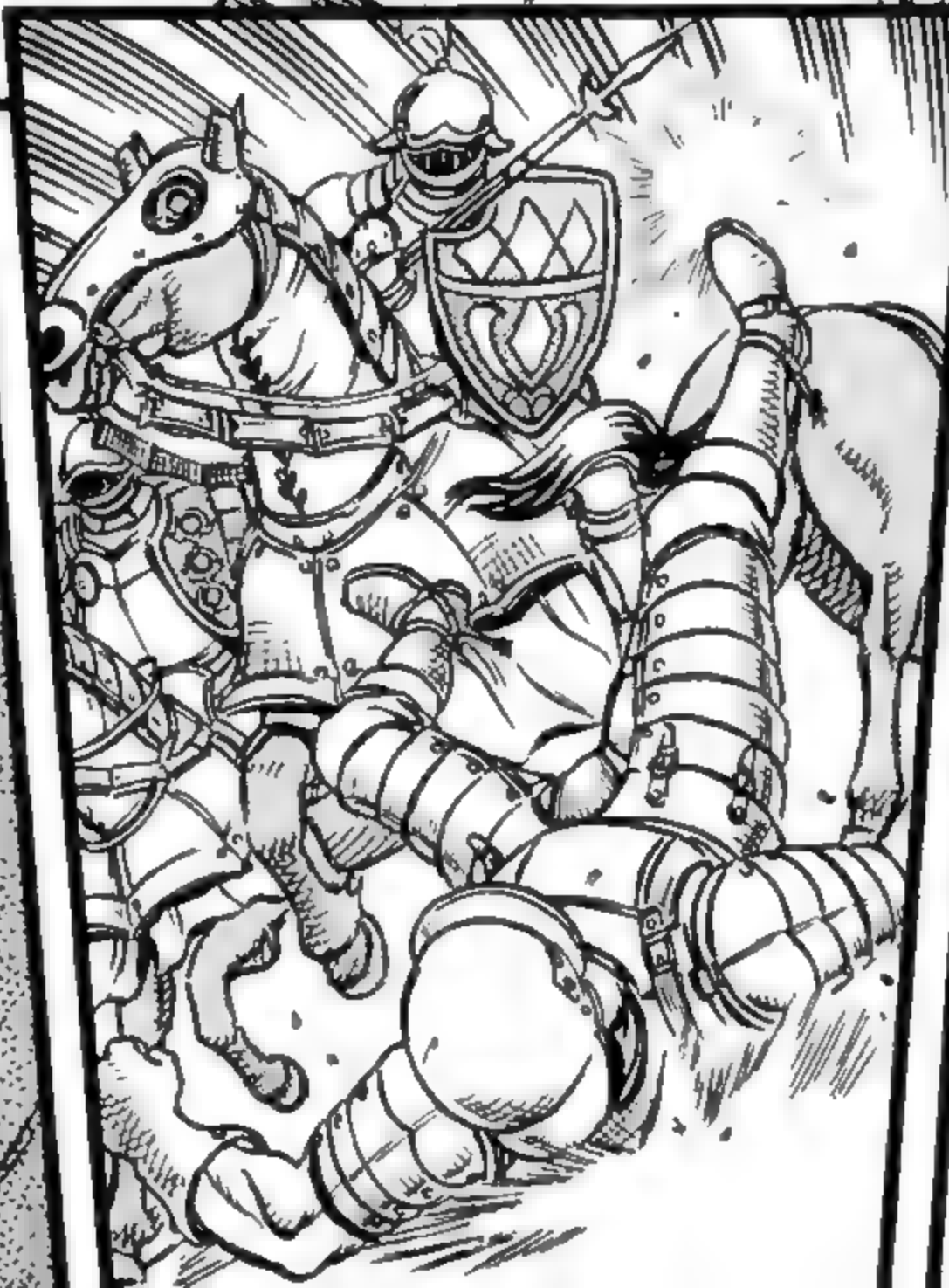
戦国

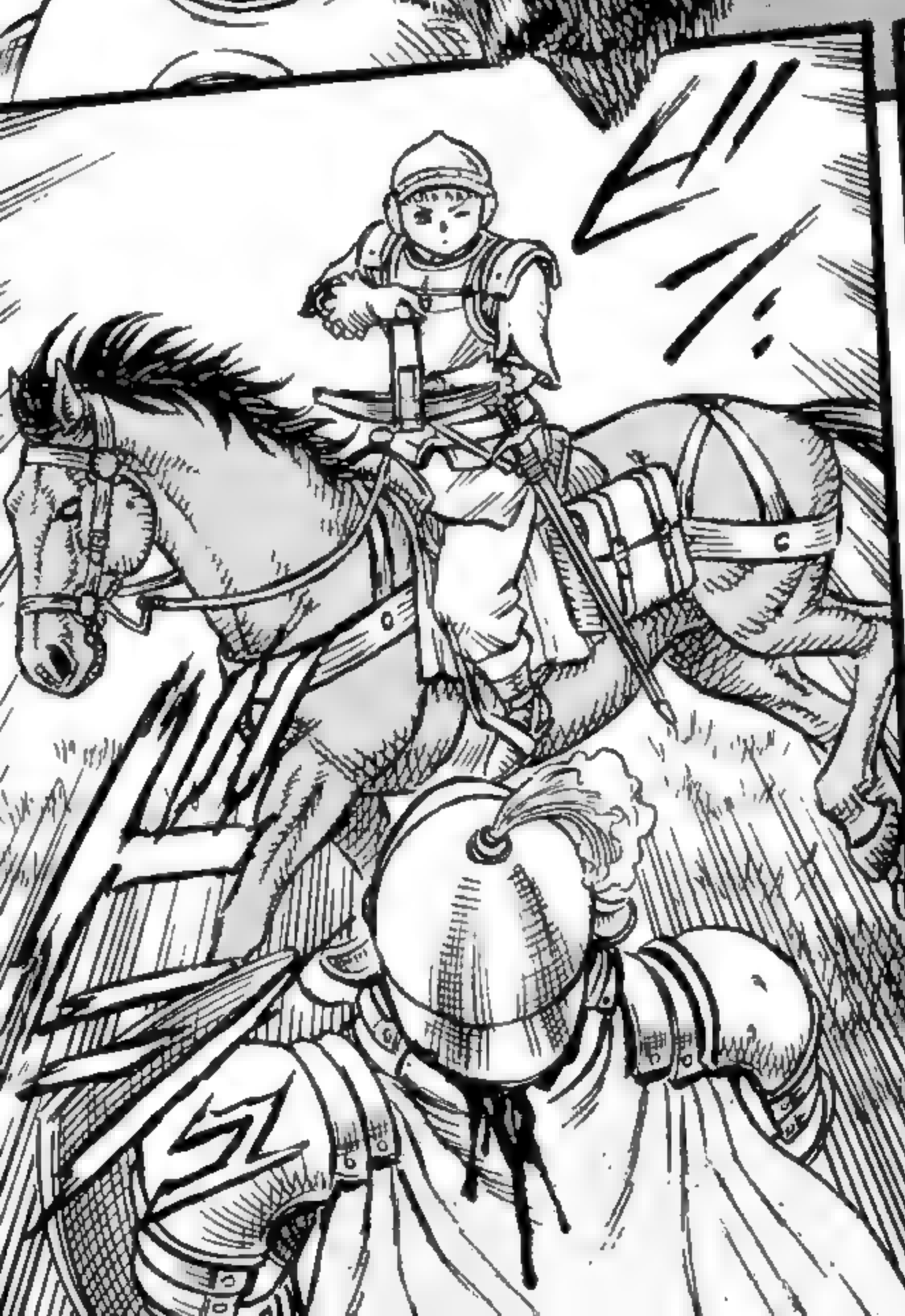
合戦 ENGAGEMENT

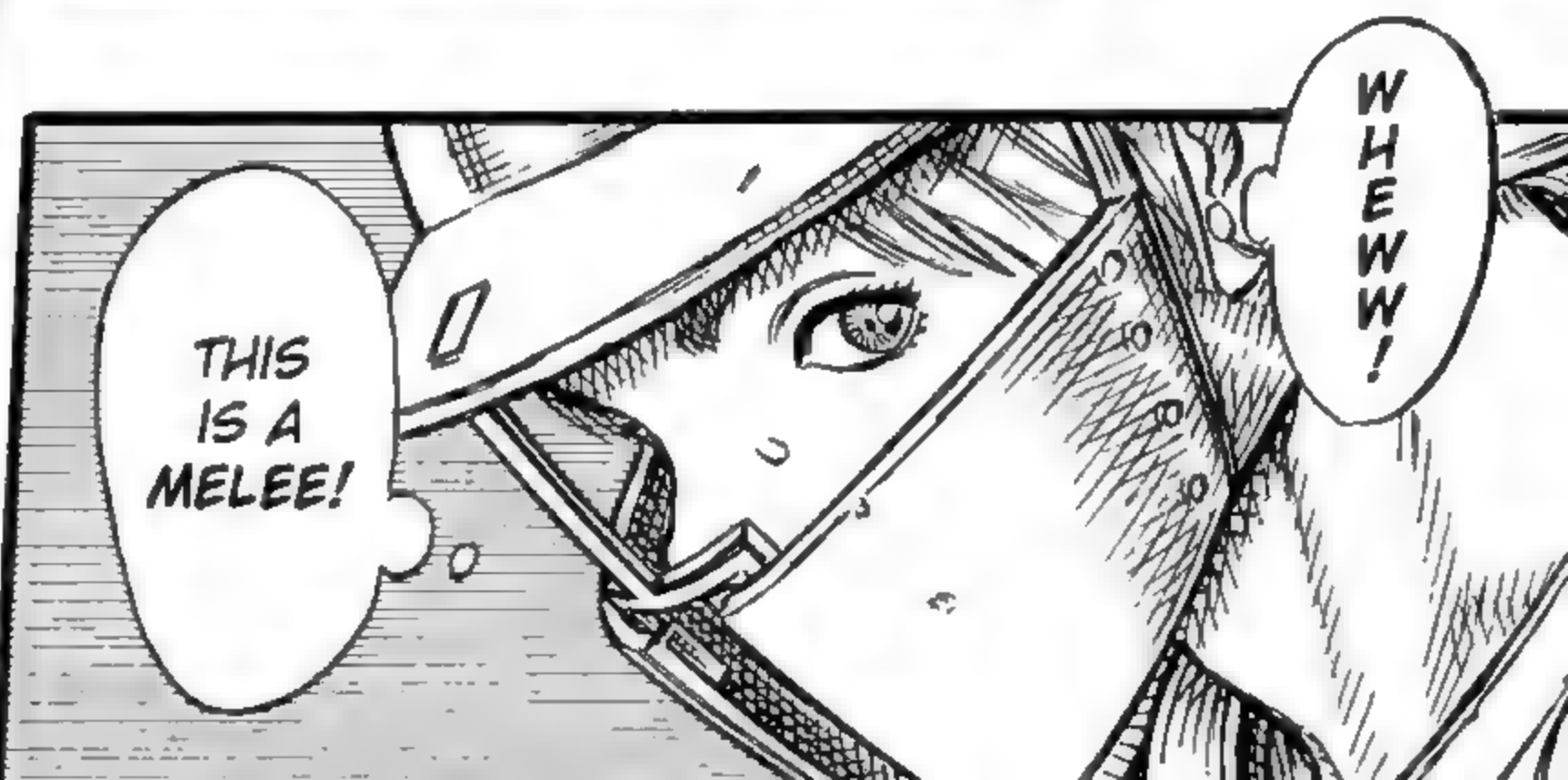
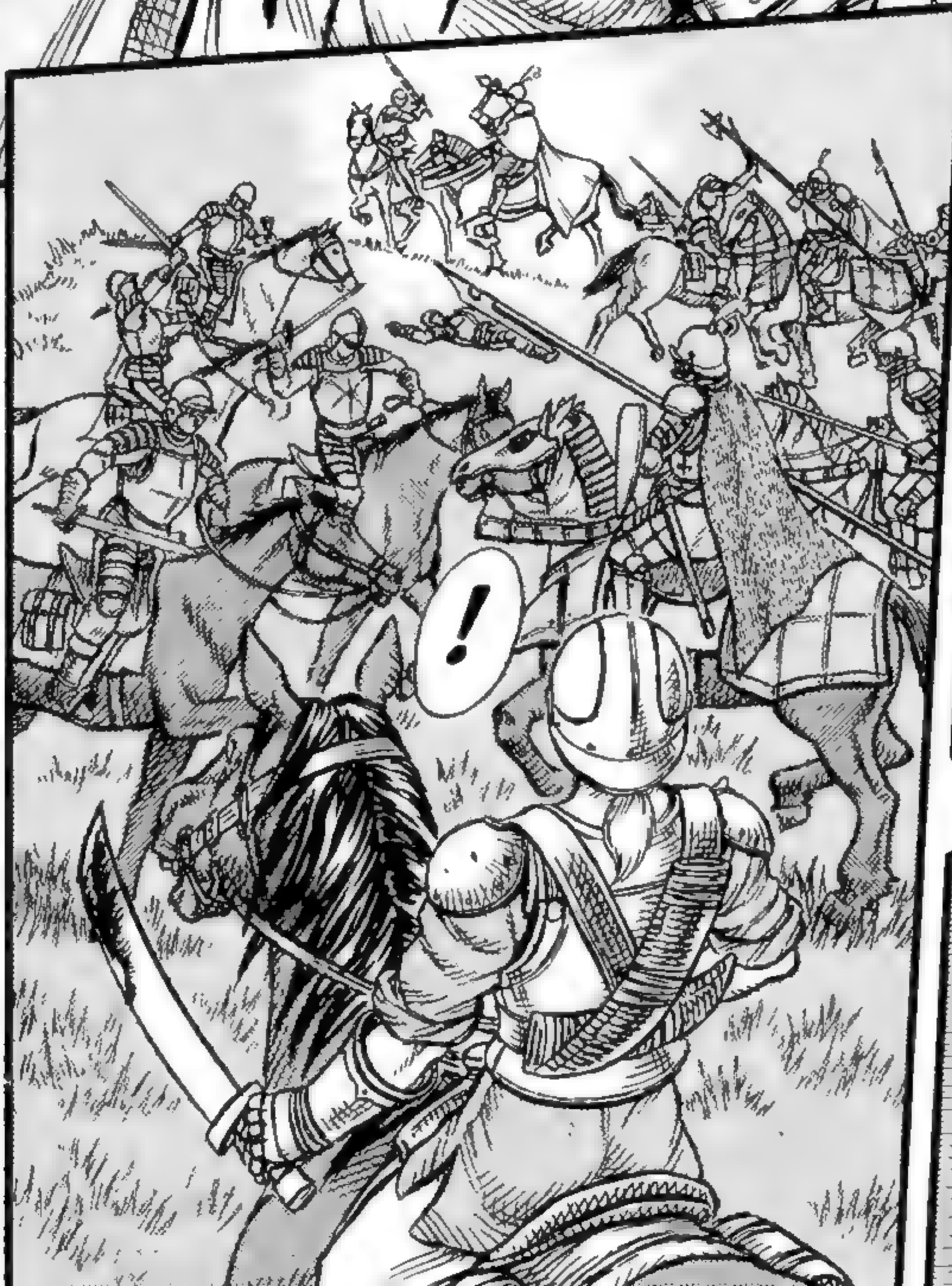
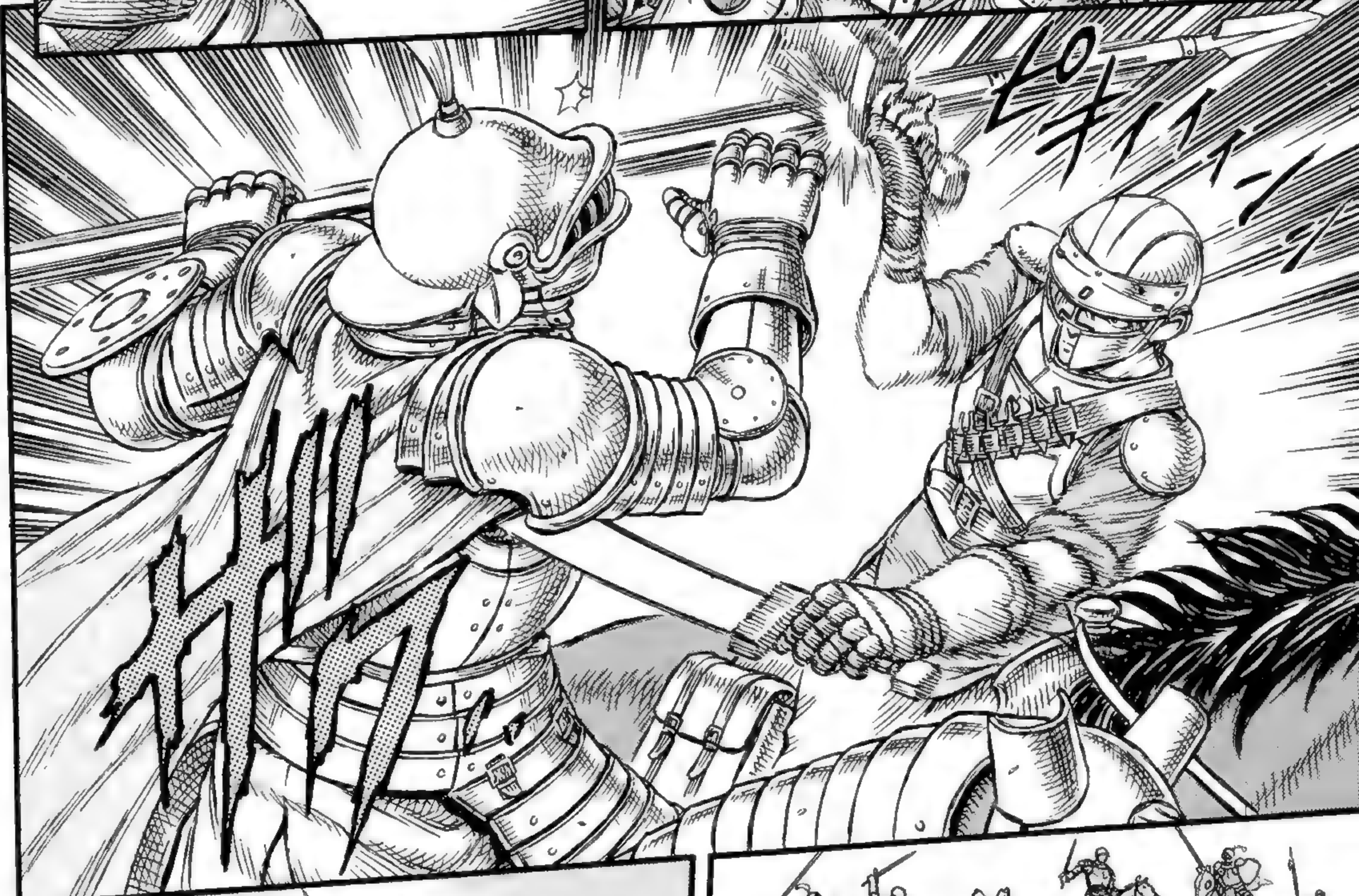
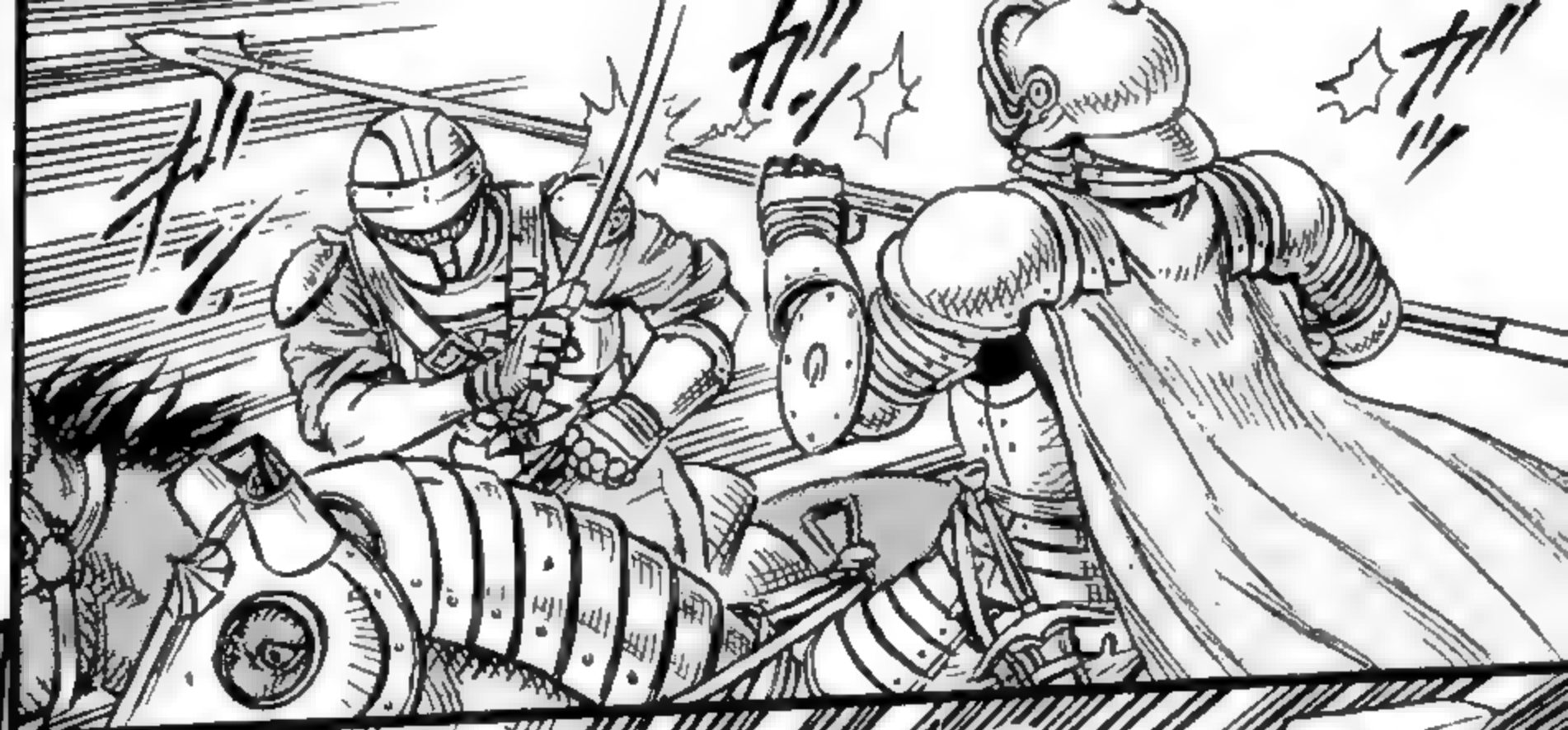
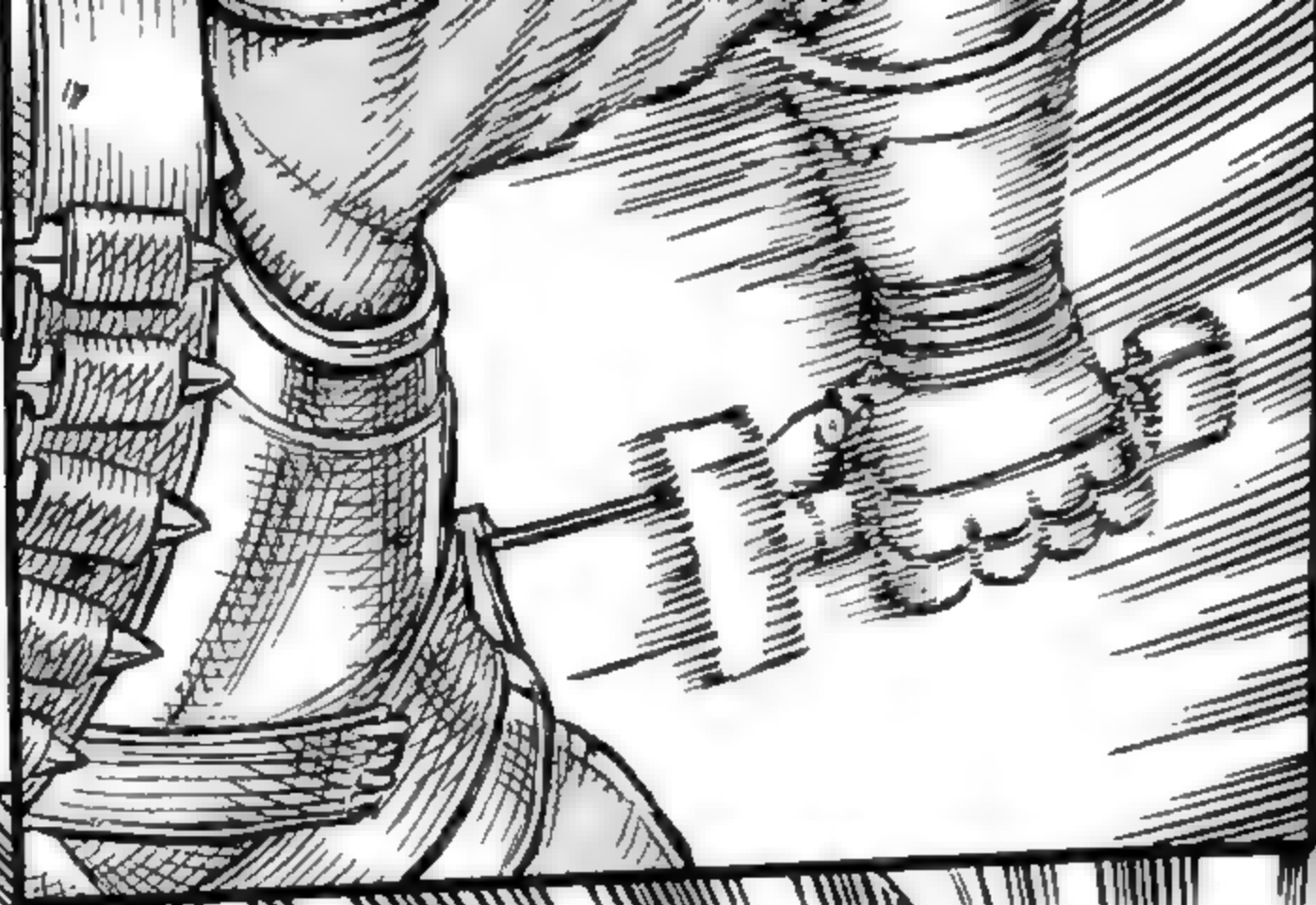


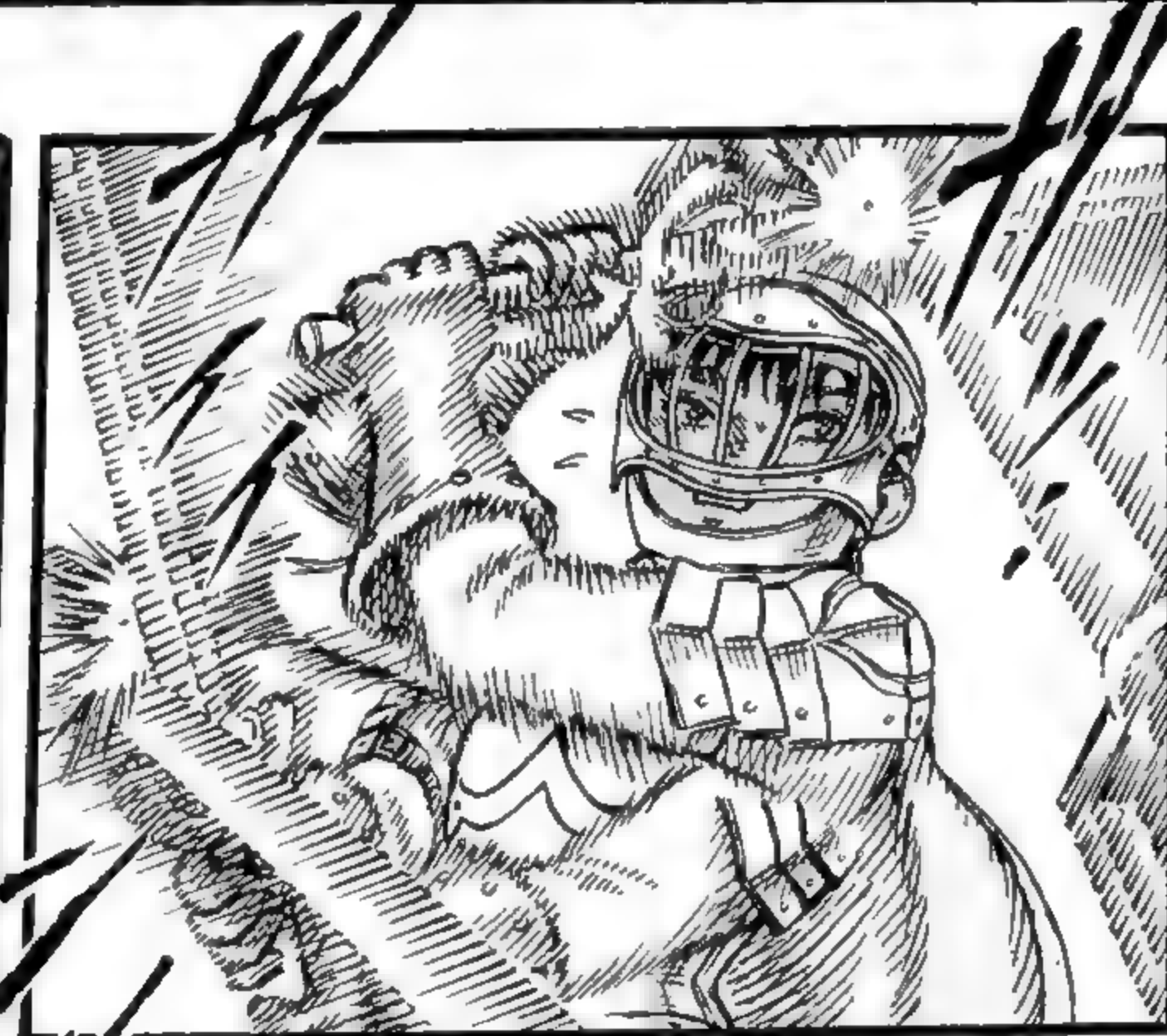
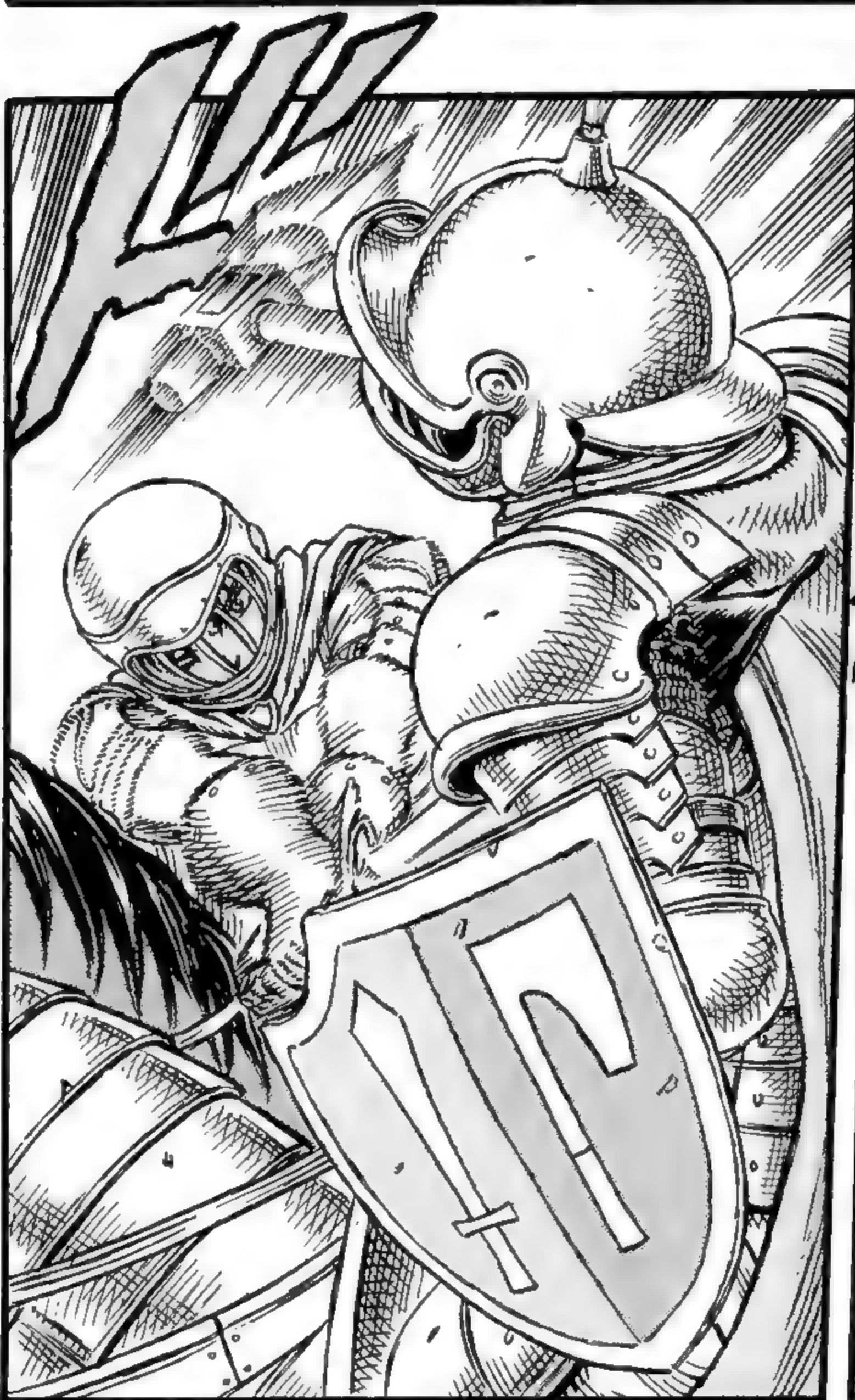
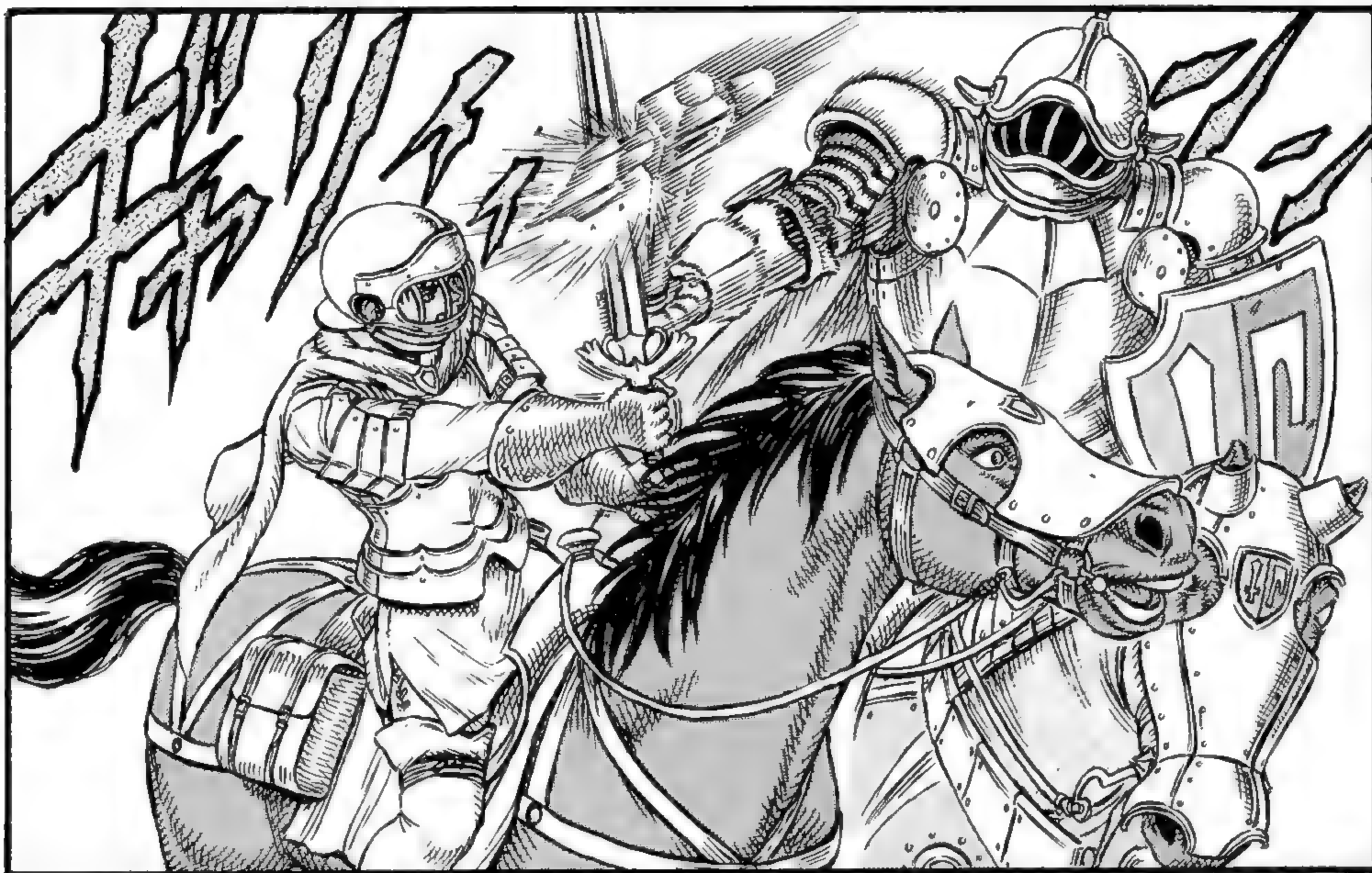


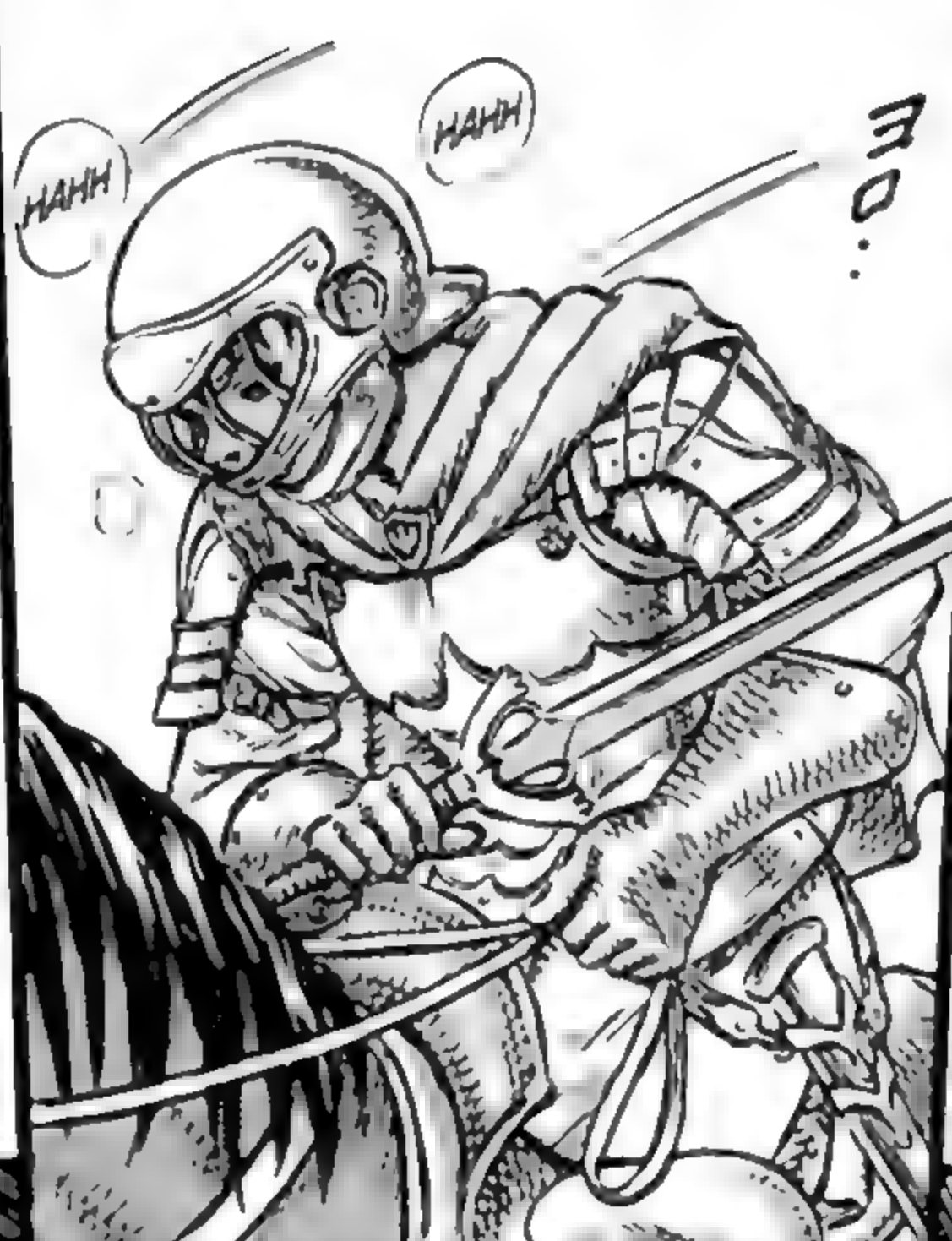


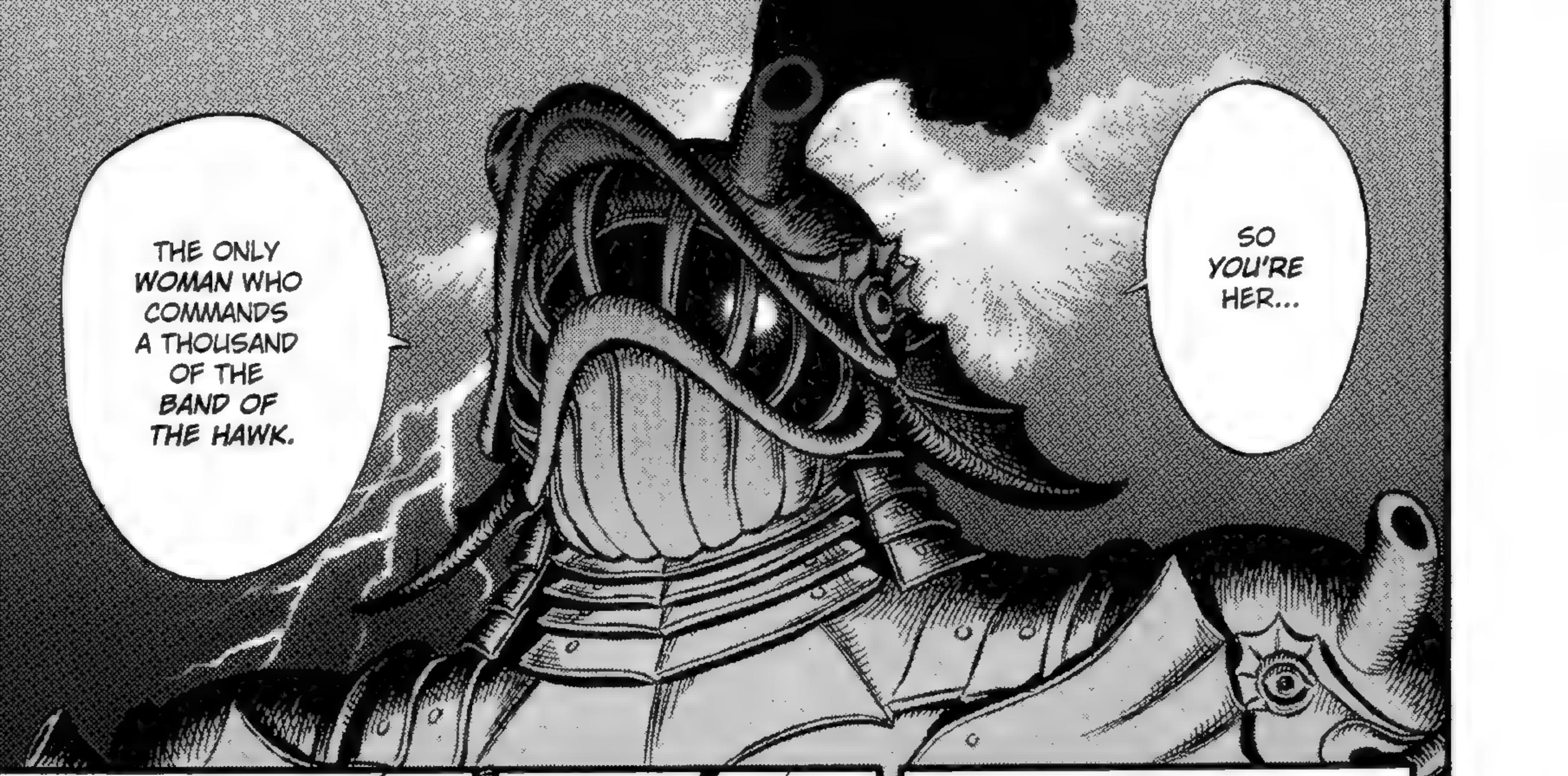










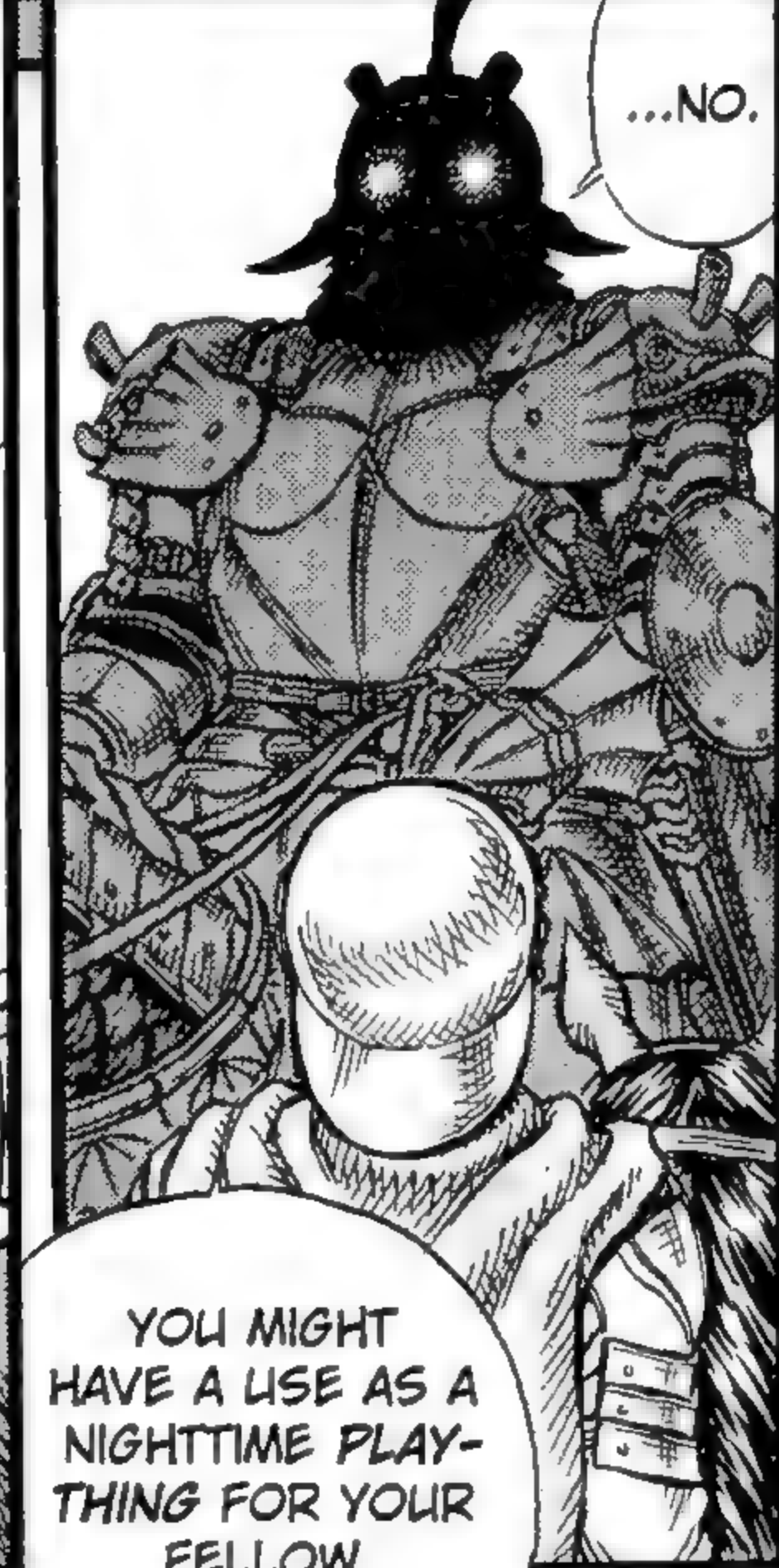


THE ONLY
WOMAN WHO
COMMANDS
A THOUSAND
OF THE
BAND OF
THE HAWK.

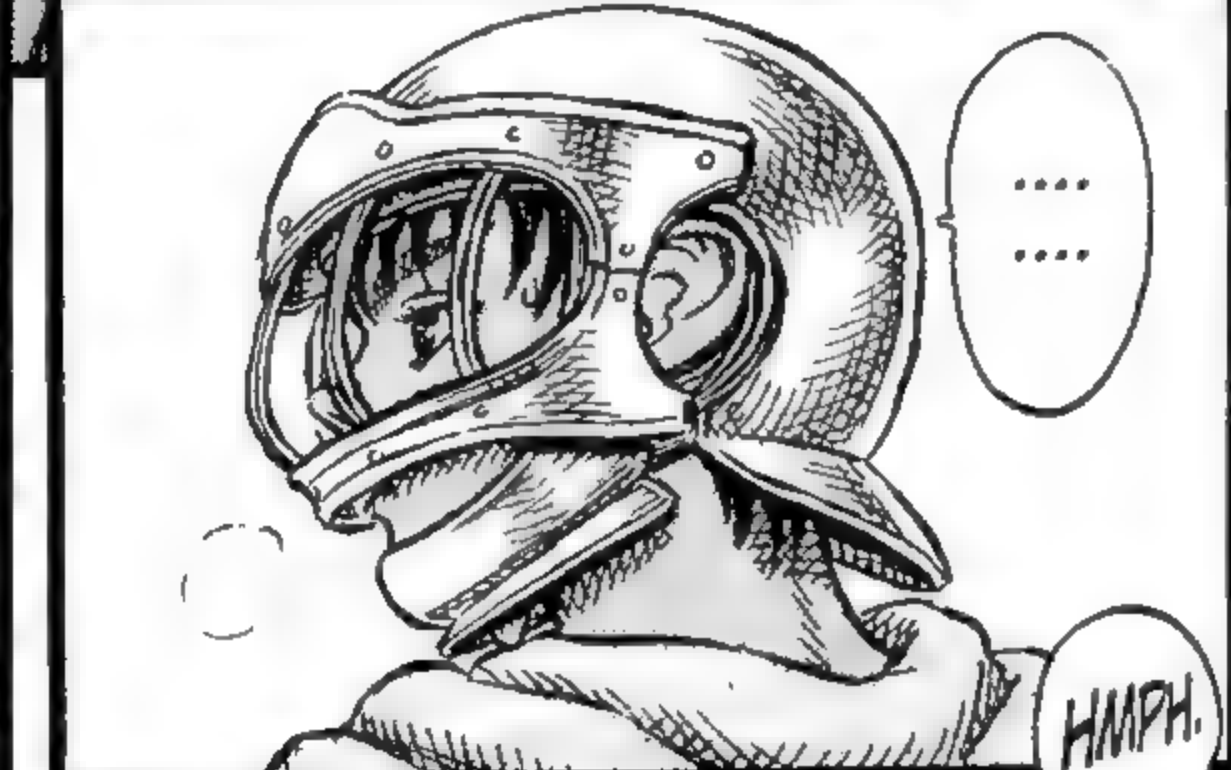
SO
YOU'RE
HER...



WHAT
WAS
THAT?

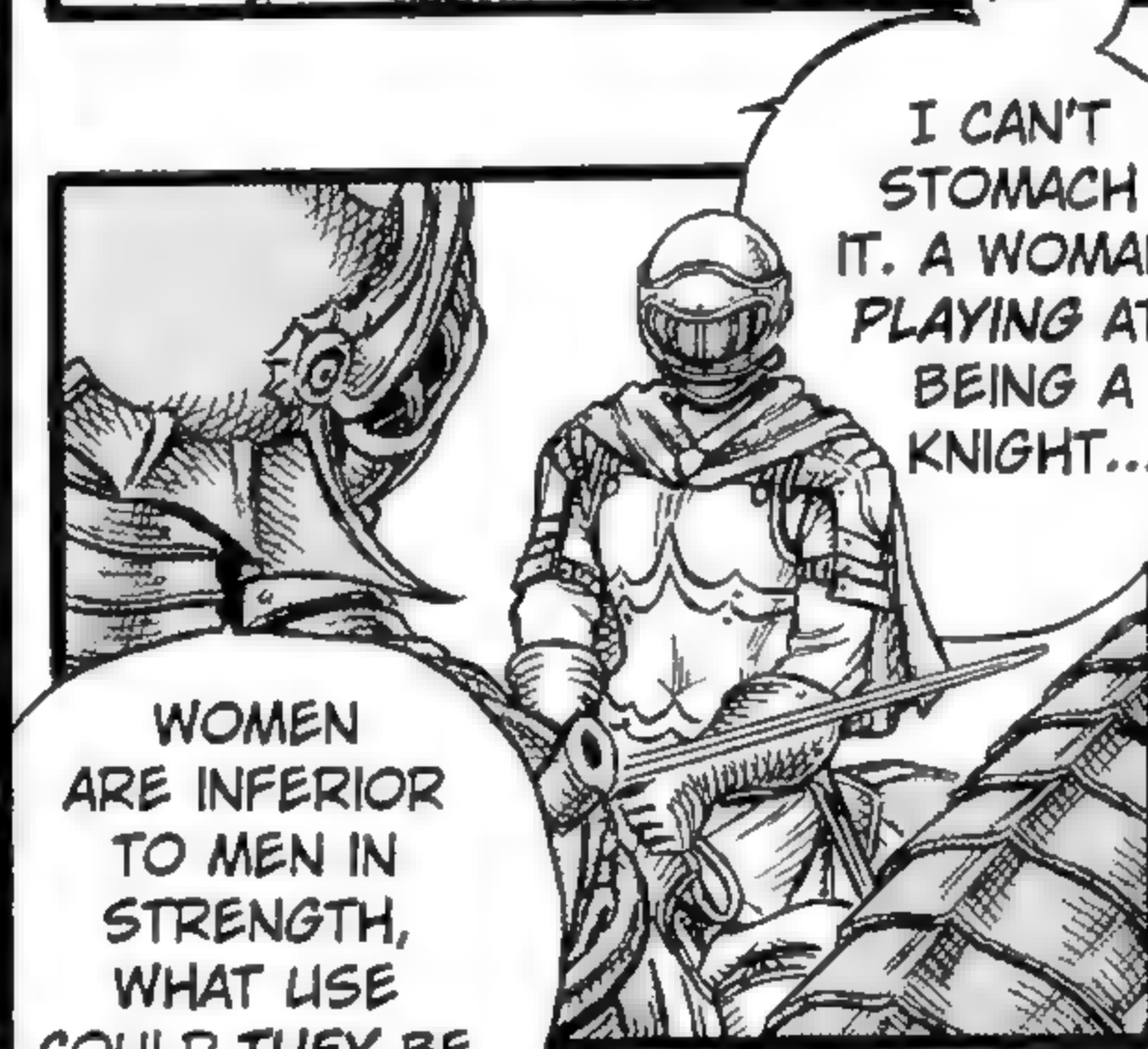


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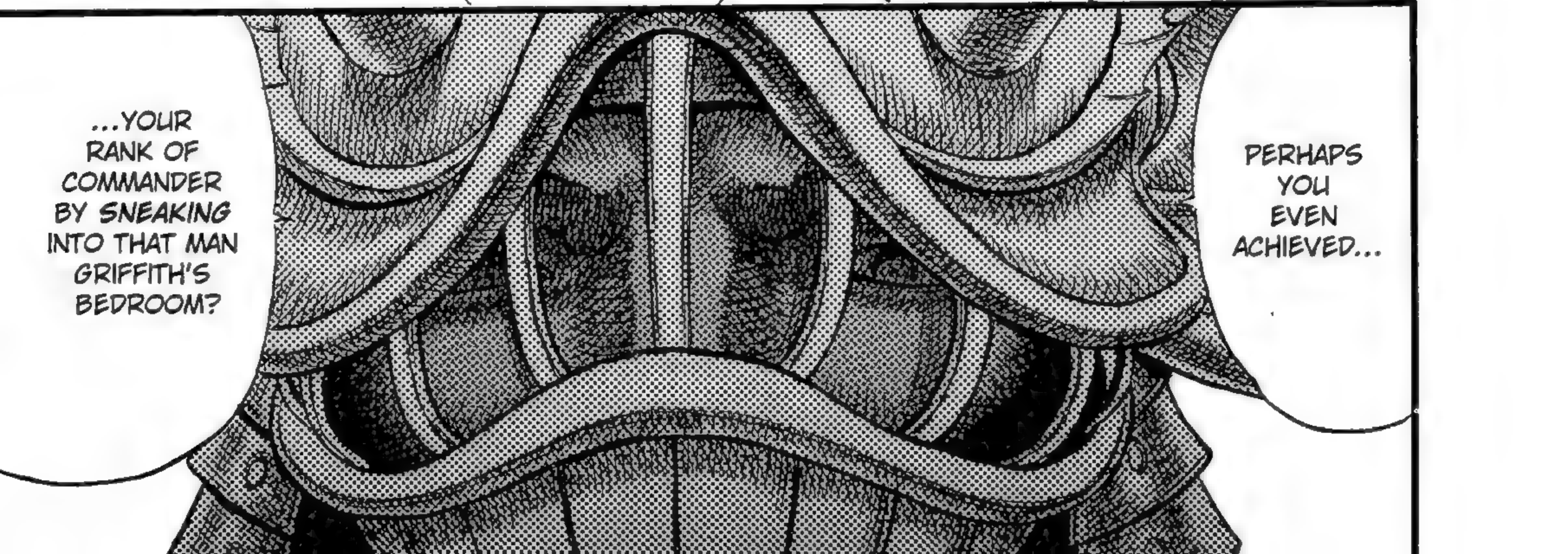
HMPH.



I CAN'T
STOMACH
IT. A WOMAN
PLAYING AT
BEING A
KNIGHT...

YOU MIGHT
HAVE A USE AS A
NIGHTTIME PLAY-
THING FOR YOUR
FELLOW
SOLDIERS...

WOMEN
ARE INFERIOR
TO MEN IN
STRENGTH,
WHAT USE
COULD THEY BE
IN A BATTLE?



...YOUR
RANK OF
COMMANDER
BY SNEAKING
INTO THAT MAN
GRIFFITH'S
BEDROOM?

PERHAPS
YOU
EVEN
ACHIEVED...

**YOU
BASTARD
!!**





THIS
GUY'S
...

...
STRONG
!!



...SHALL TEACH
YOU THE FOLLY
OF YOUR
FRIVOLITY
IN SETTING
FOOT UPON
IT!!

THE
BATTLEFIELD
IS THE
SACRED
GROUND
OF MEN!!

I, ADON,
HEAD OF THE
BLUE WHALE
ULTRA HEAVY
ARMORED FIERCE
ASSAULT
ANNIHILATION
KNIGHT CORP...



I'VE
GOT NO
STRENGTH...!!

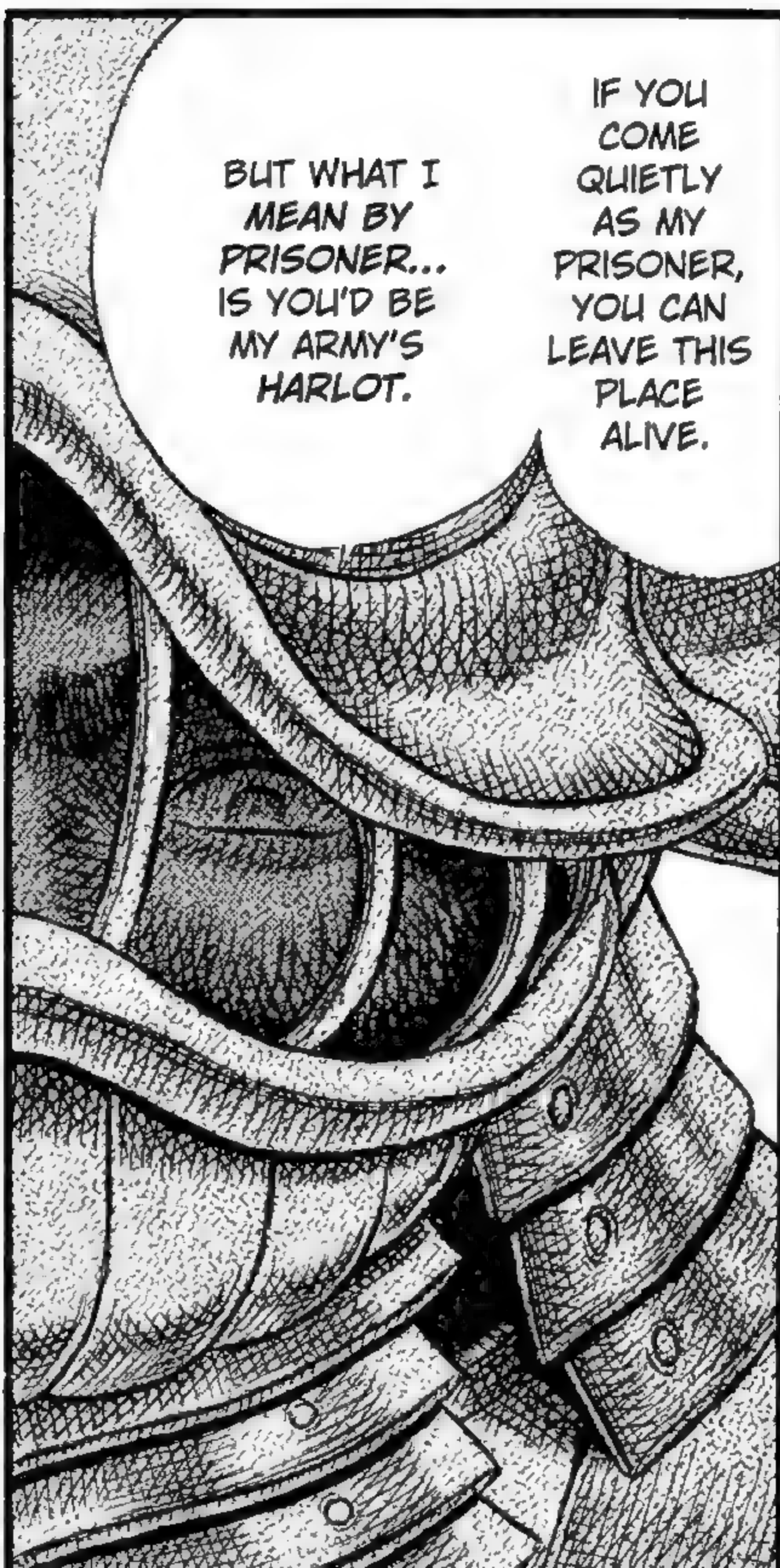
I-
I
CAN'T...

I'VE
GOT...



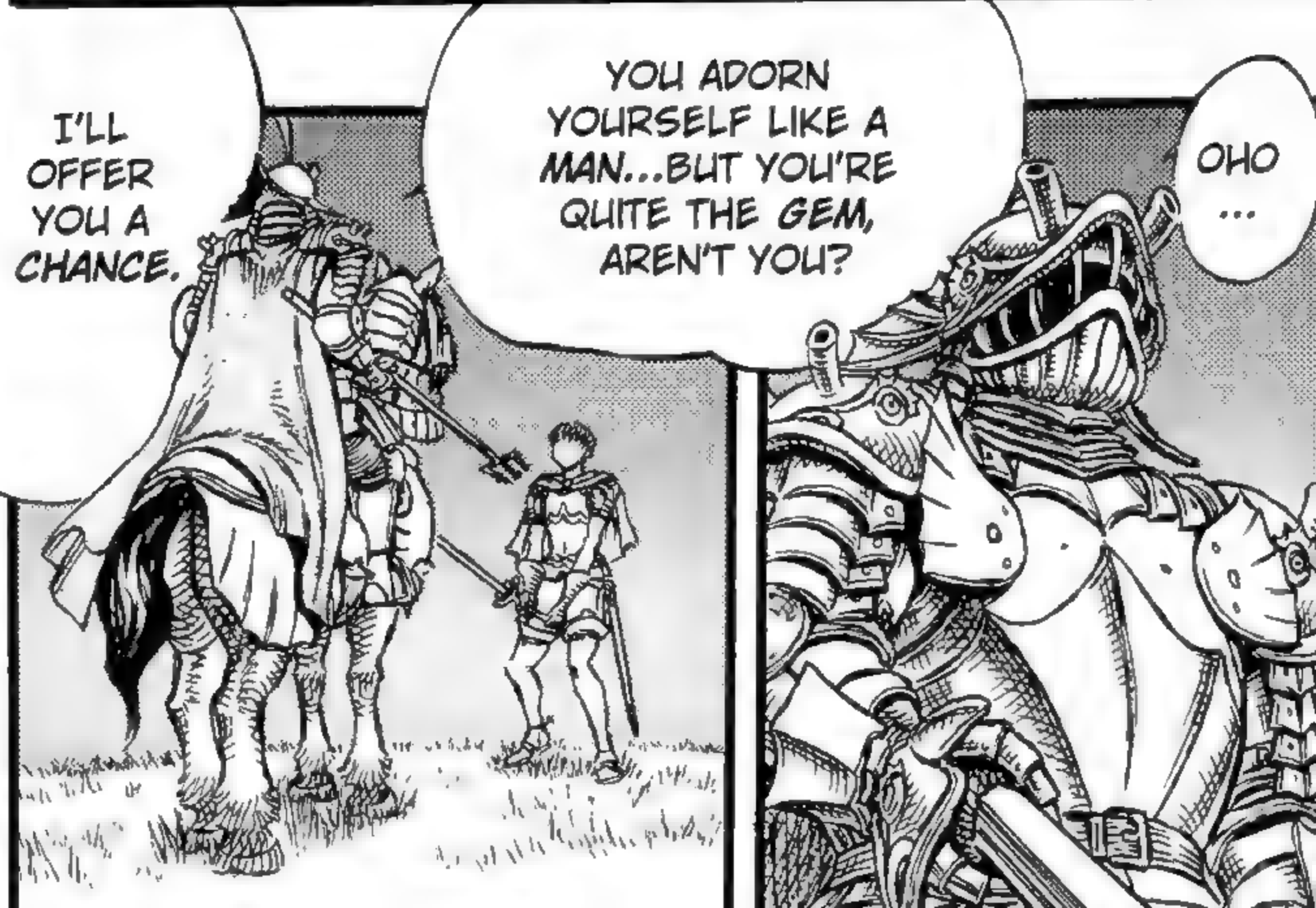


WHAT'S
WRONG?
NOWHERE
LEFT TO
RUN?



BUT WHAT I
MEAN BY
PRISONER...
IS YOU'D BE
MY ARMY'S
HARLOT.

IF YOU
COME
QUIETLY
AS MY
PRISONER,
YOU CAN
LEAVE THIS
PLACE
ALIVE.



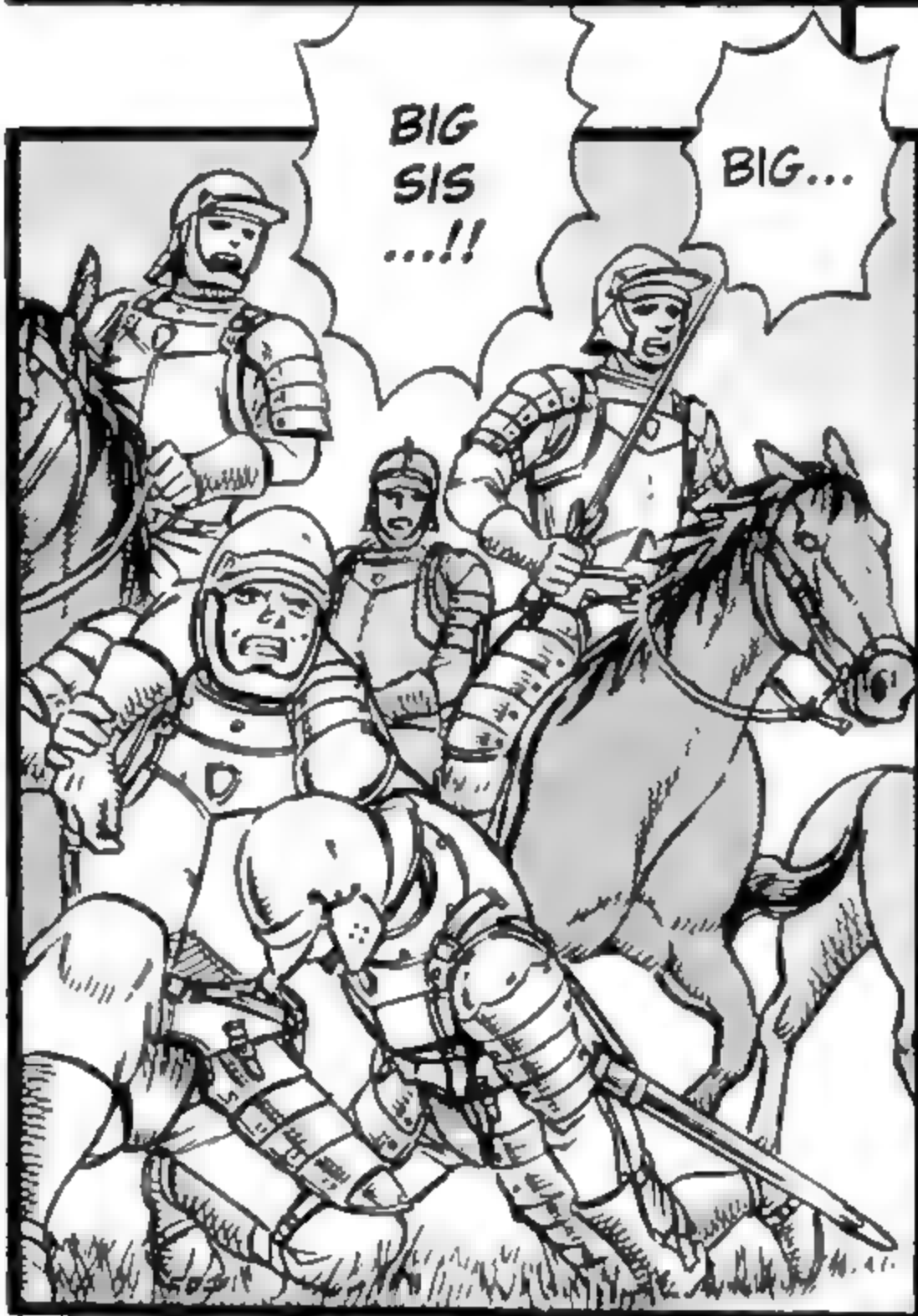
I'LL
OFFER
YOU A
CHANCE.

YOU ADORN
YOURSELF LIKE A
MAN...BUT YOU'RE
QUITE THE GEM,
AREN'T YOU?

OHO
...

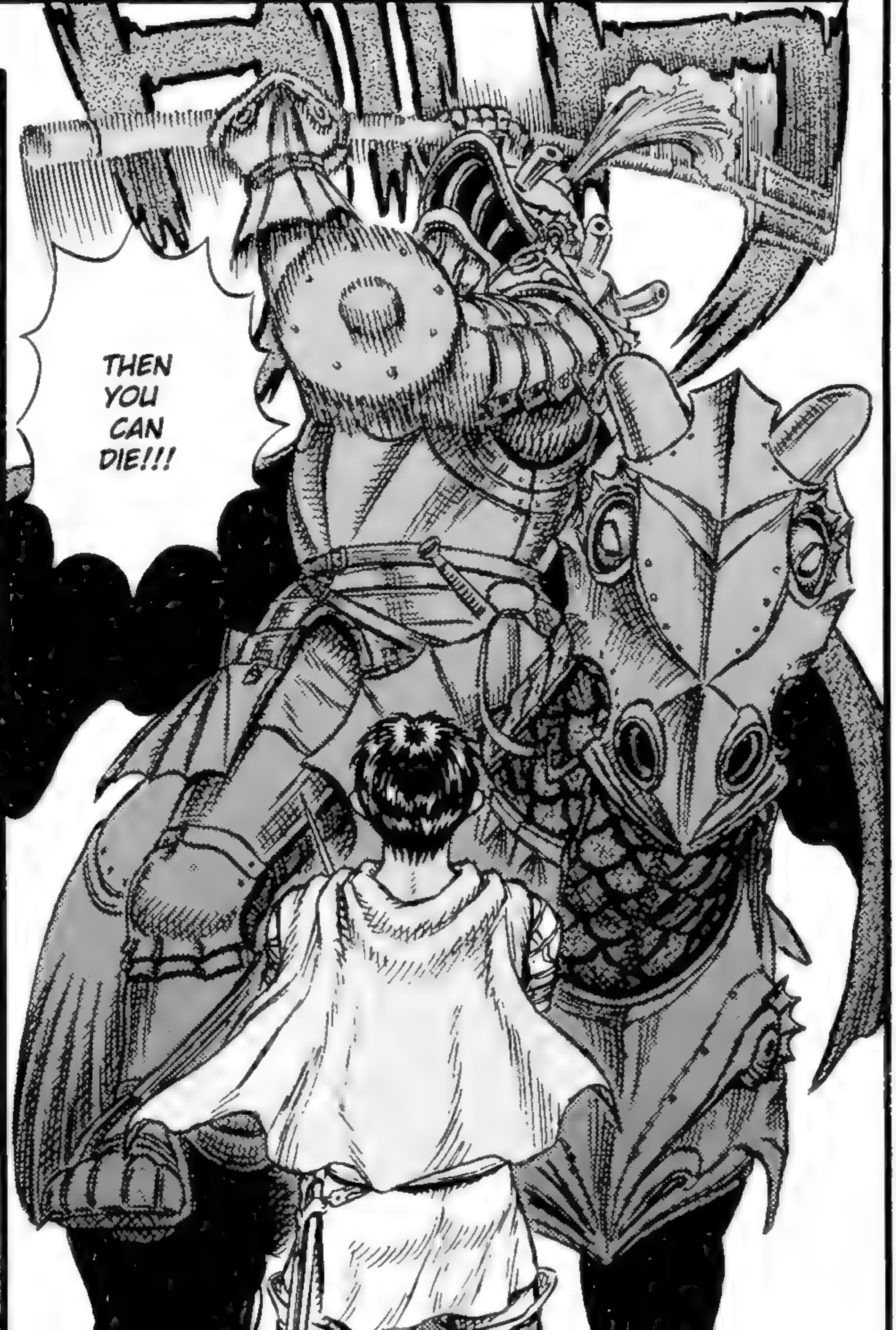


GO TO
HELL,
DOG!!



BIG
SIS
...!!

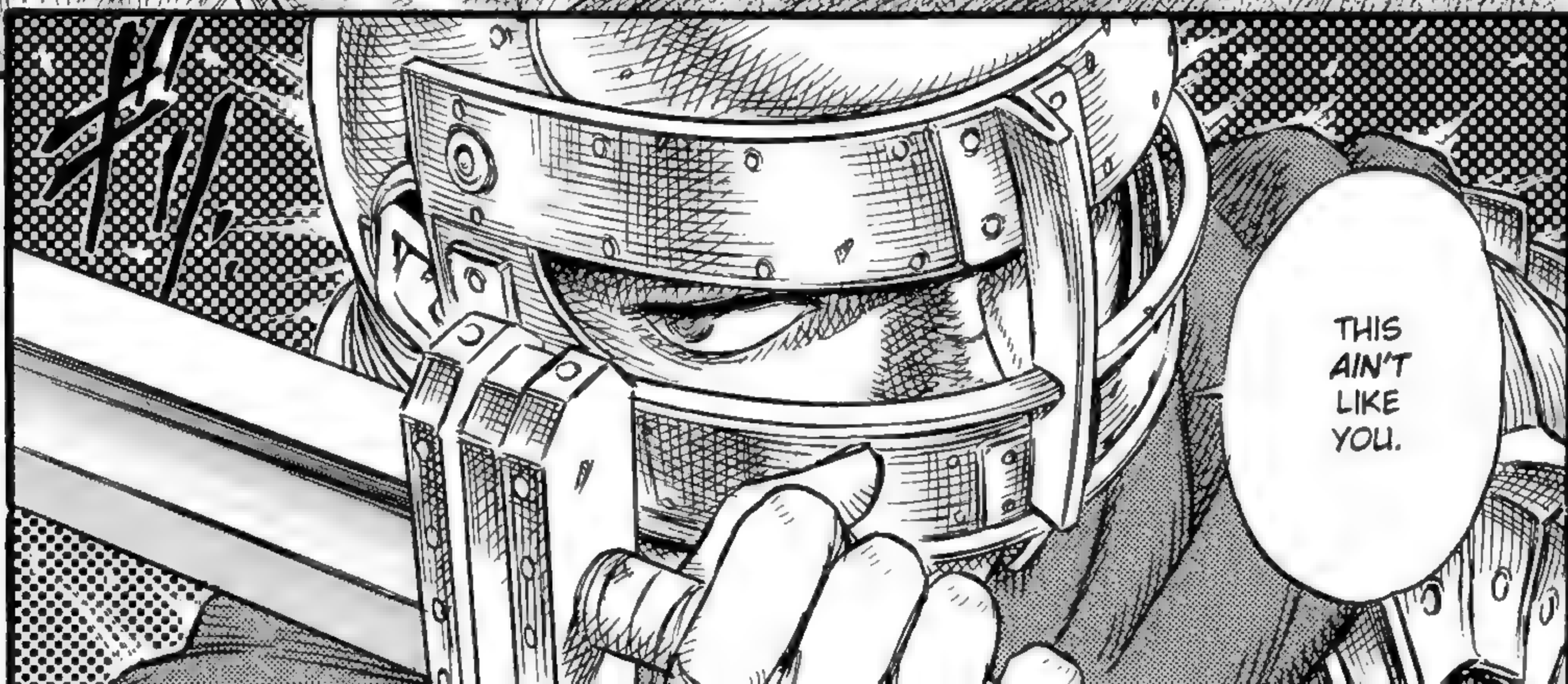
BIG...



THEN
YOU
CAN
DIE!!!



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R...
RAIDERS,
CAPTAIN
GUTS!!



GUTS...



OH
OH
OH

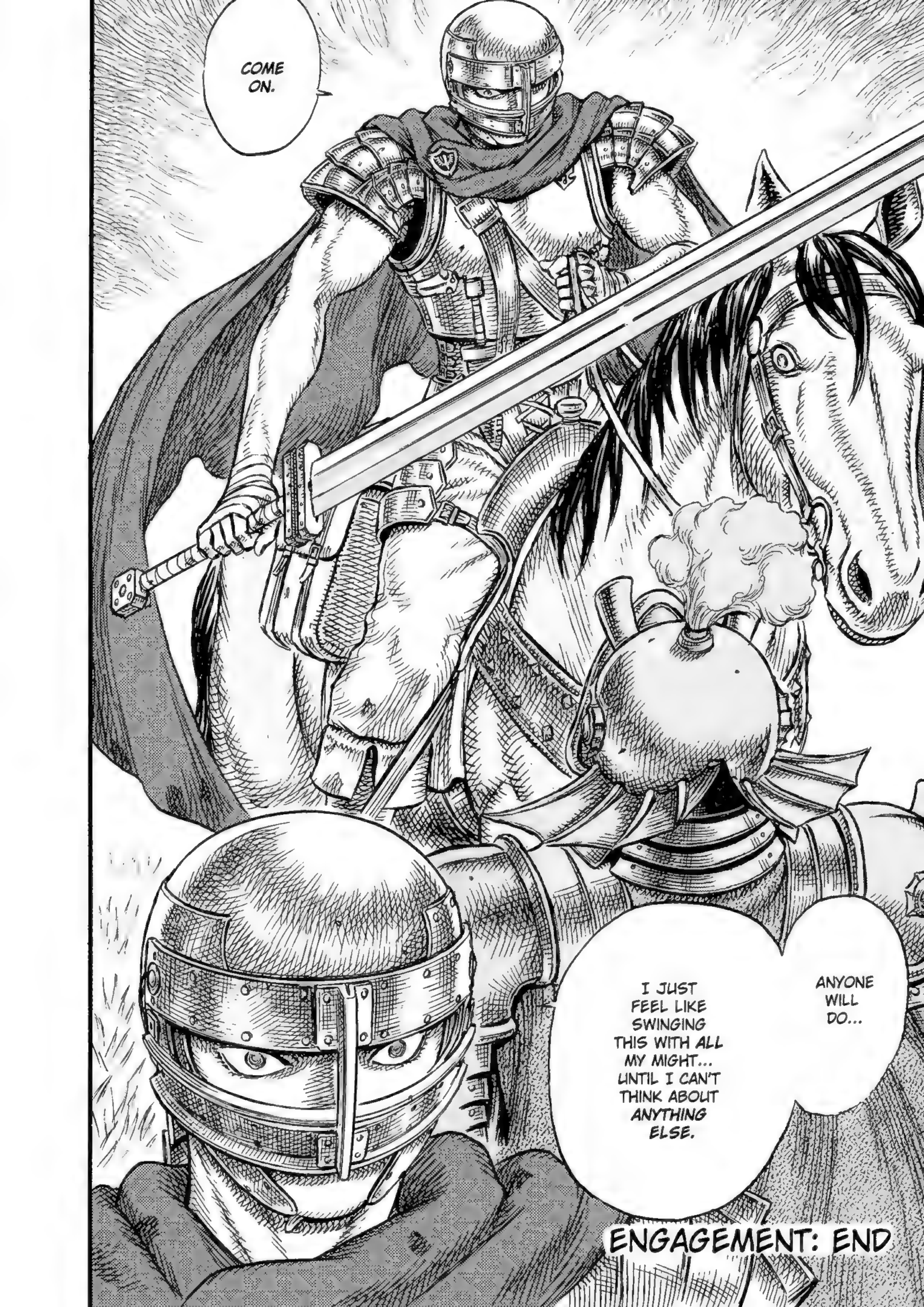


YOU...

UWOHH!

...LOUT!

UWOHH!



COME
ON.

I JUST
FEEL LIKE
SWINGING
THIS WITH ALL
MY MIGHT...
UNTIL I CAN'T
THINK ABOUT
ANYTHING
ELSE.

ANYONE
WILL
DO...

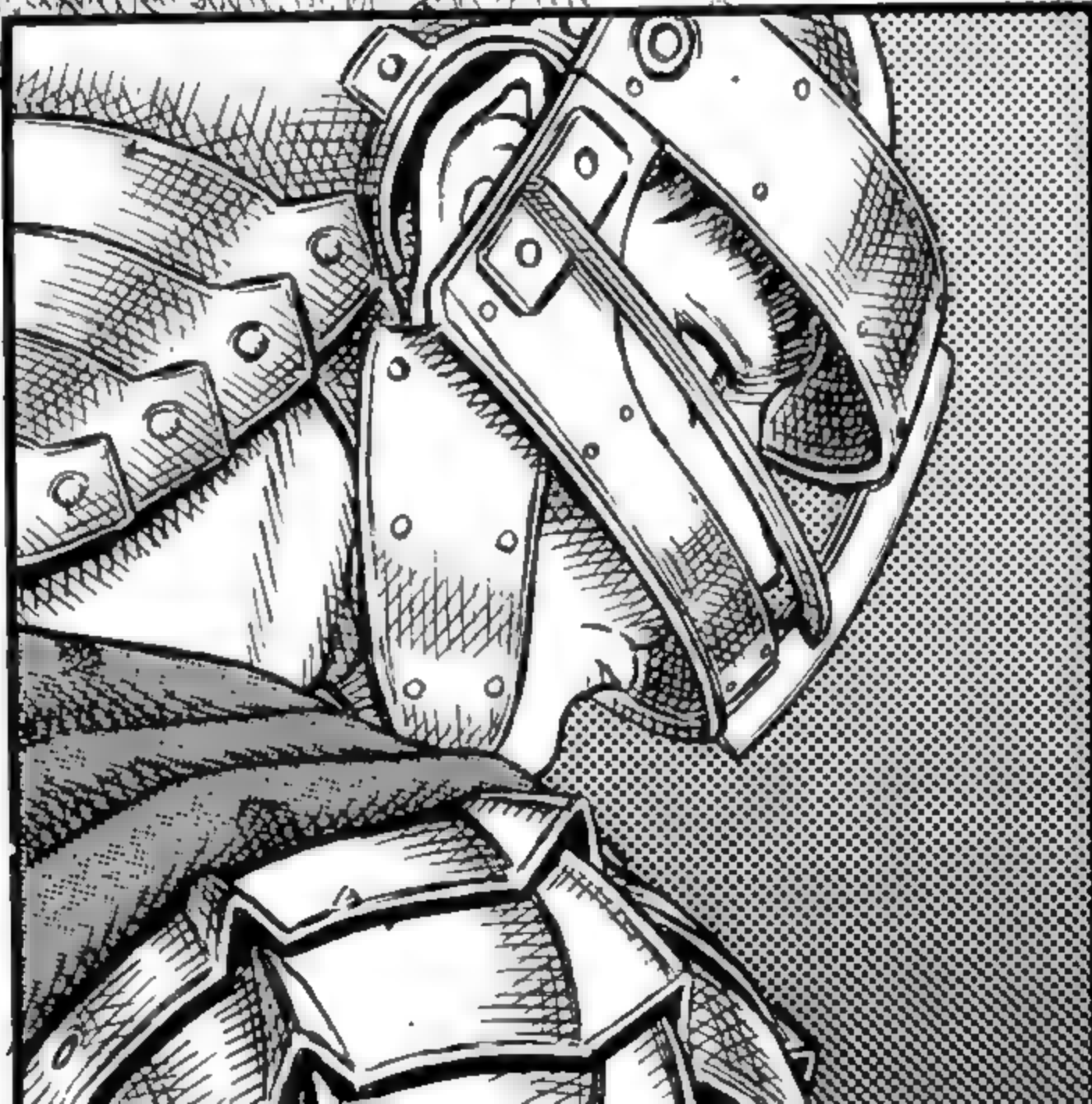
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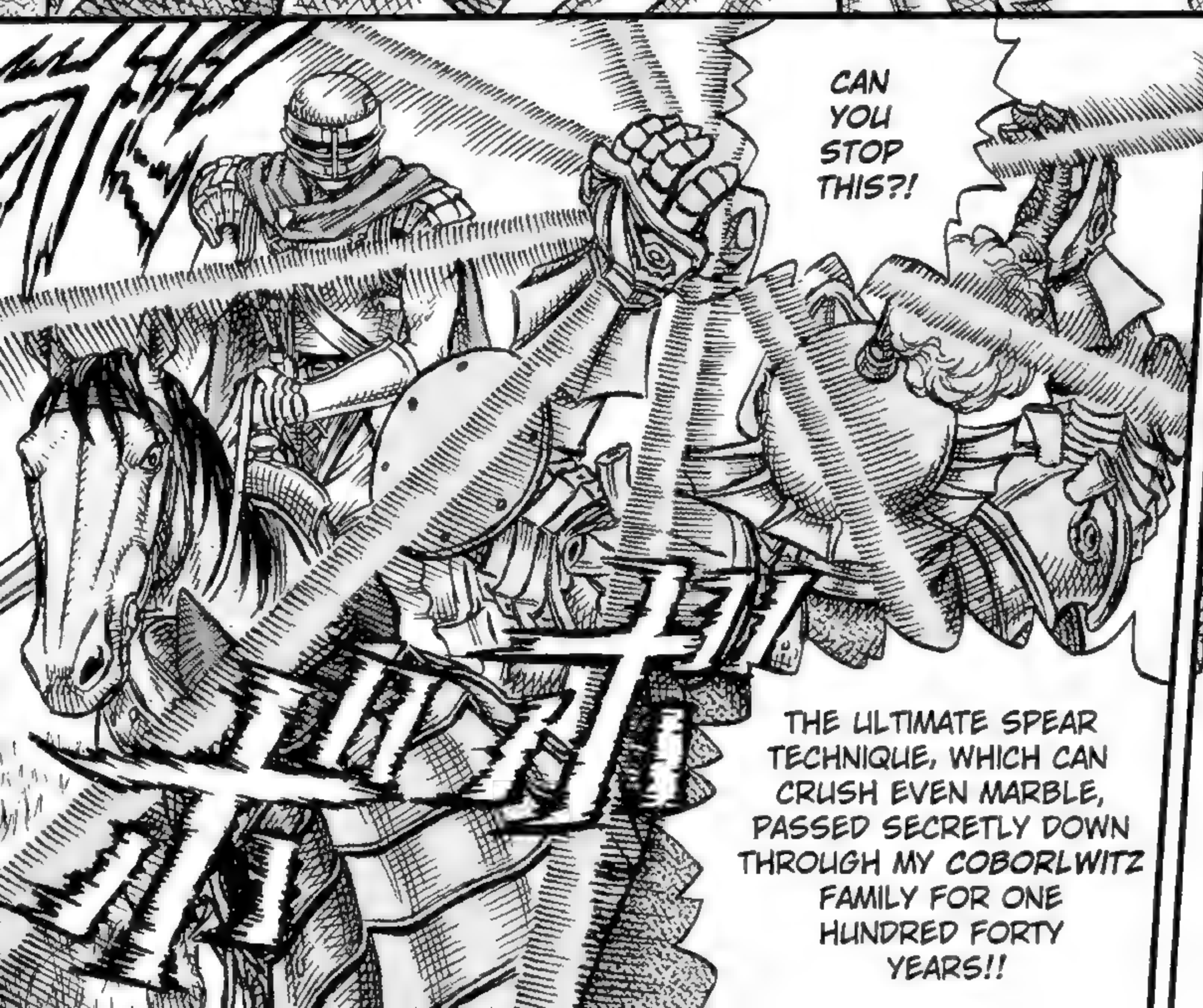
ベルセルク

キャスカ(1)



CASCA
CHAPTER 1





CAN
YOU
STOP
THIS?!

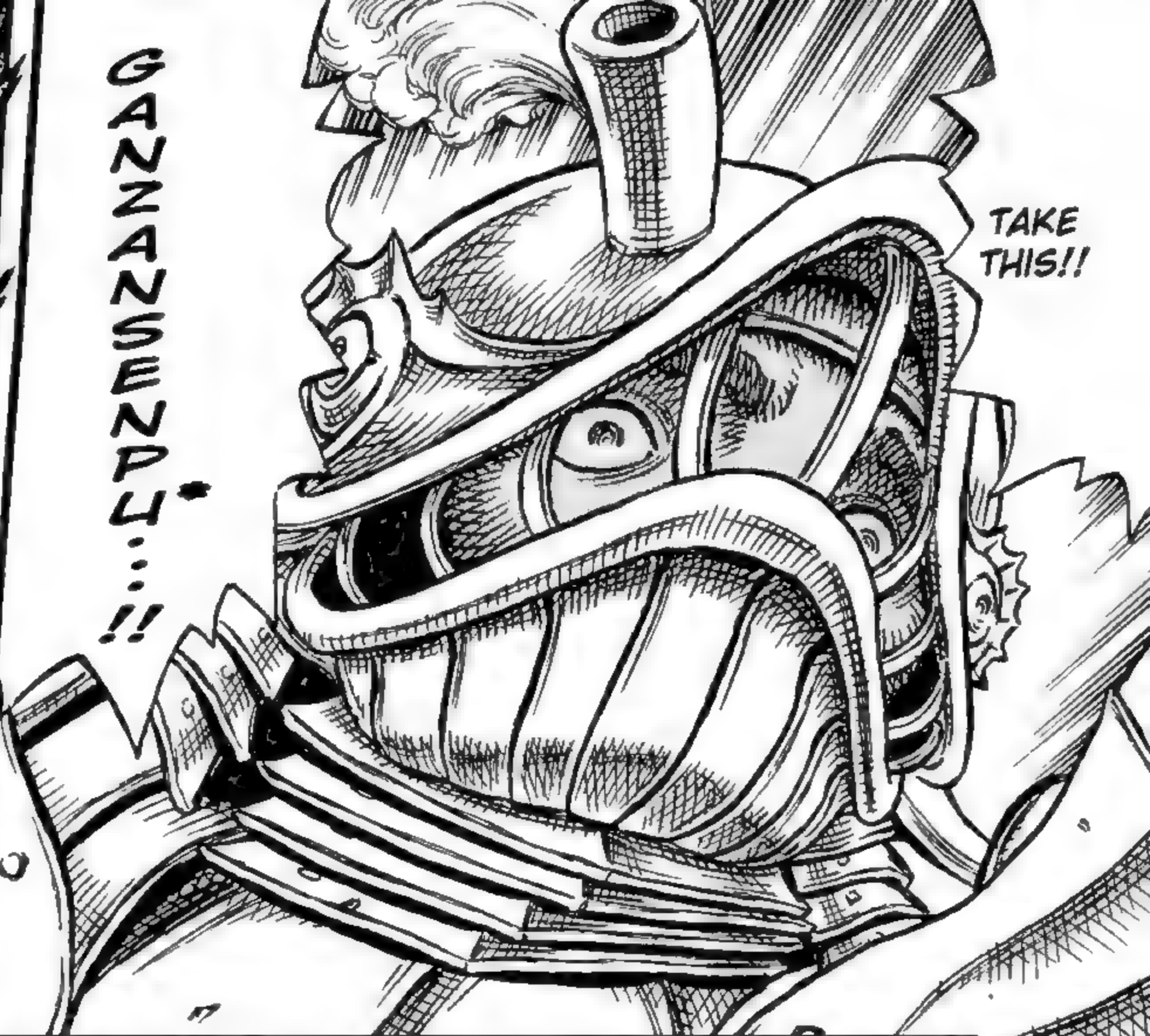
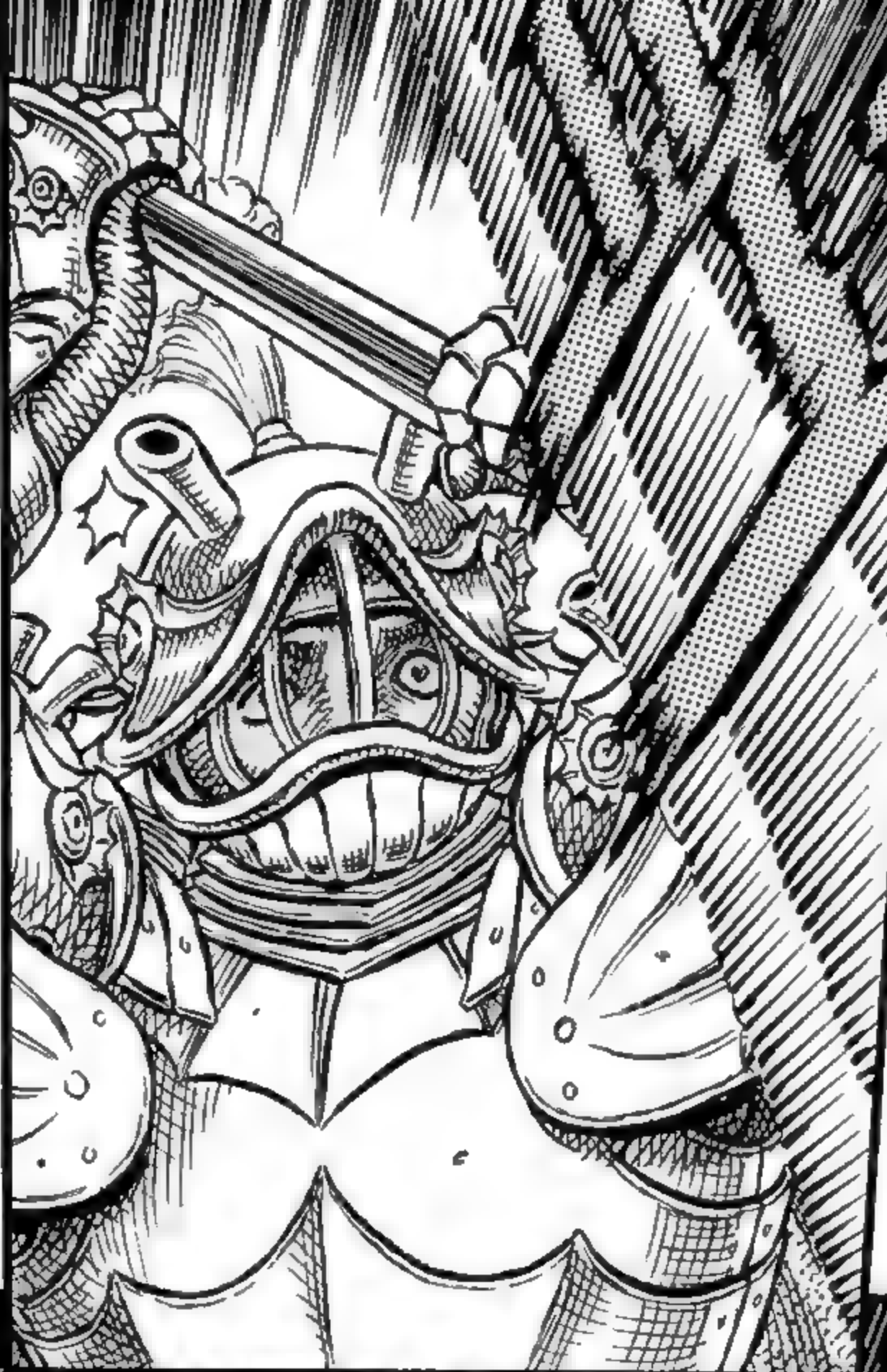
THE ULTIMATE SPEAR
TECHNIQUE, WHICH CAN
CRUSH EVEN MARBLE,
PASSED SECRETLY DOWN
THROUGH MY COBORLWITZ
FAMILY FOR ONE
HUNDRED FORTY
YEARS!!



YOU
STOPPED
MY ATTACK
WELL!!

HOW
NOW,
BOY!!

BUT
LIGHTNING
DOESN'T
STRIKE
TWICE!!



TAKE
THIS!!

GAZANZUWAZA...!!

THIS TRANSLATES AS "ROCK-CUTTING WHIRLWIND.







OROWAHH...

BUGOH!!



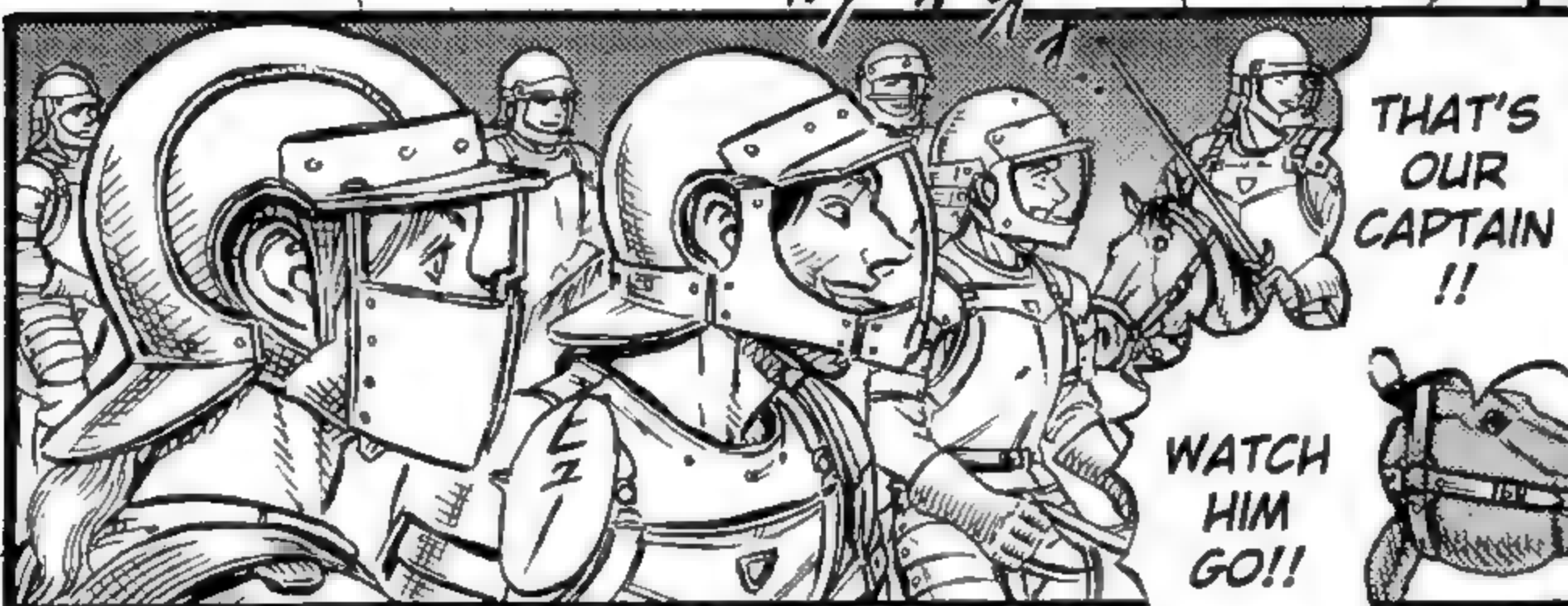
HE...
TOOK THAT
MONSTER DOWN
WITH JUST
TWO SWINGS!!

AW...
AWESOME!!

オオオ...

オオオ

GANZAN-
SENPU...



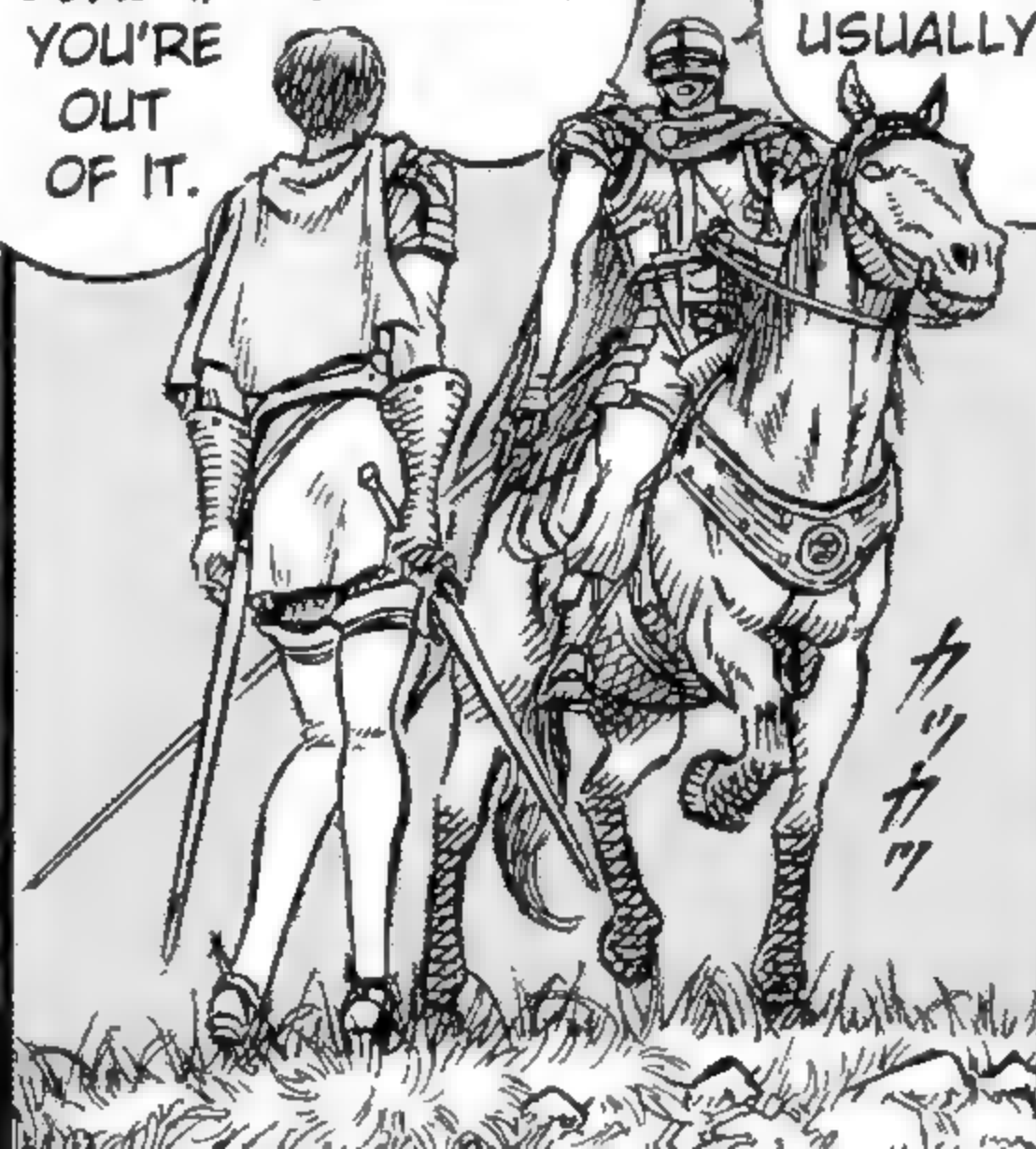
THAT'S
OUR
CAPTAIN
!!

WATCH
HIM
GO!!

YOU'LL
WIND UP
DEAD IF
YOU'RE
OUT
OF IT.

YOUR
FIGHTING'S
HORRIBLE.

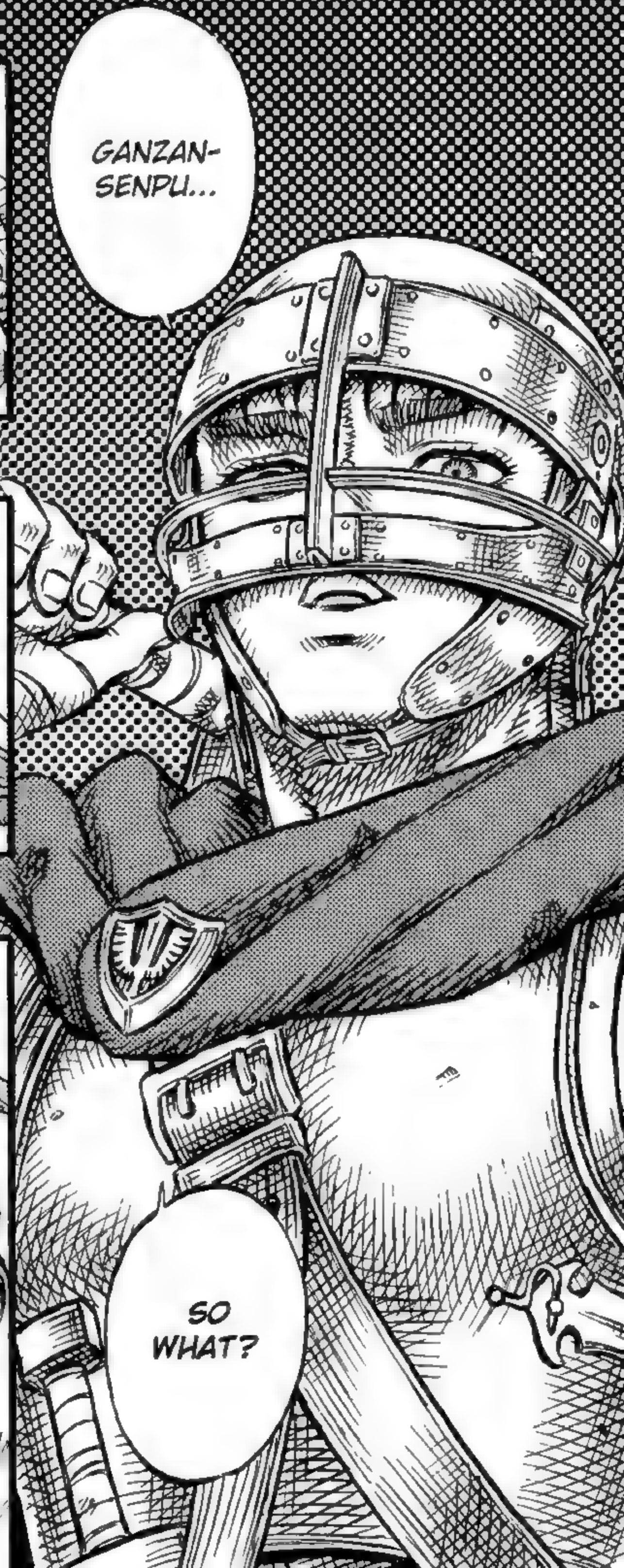
WHAT'S
WRONG? THIS
ISN'T HOW YOU
USUALLY ARE.



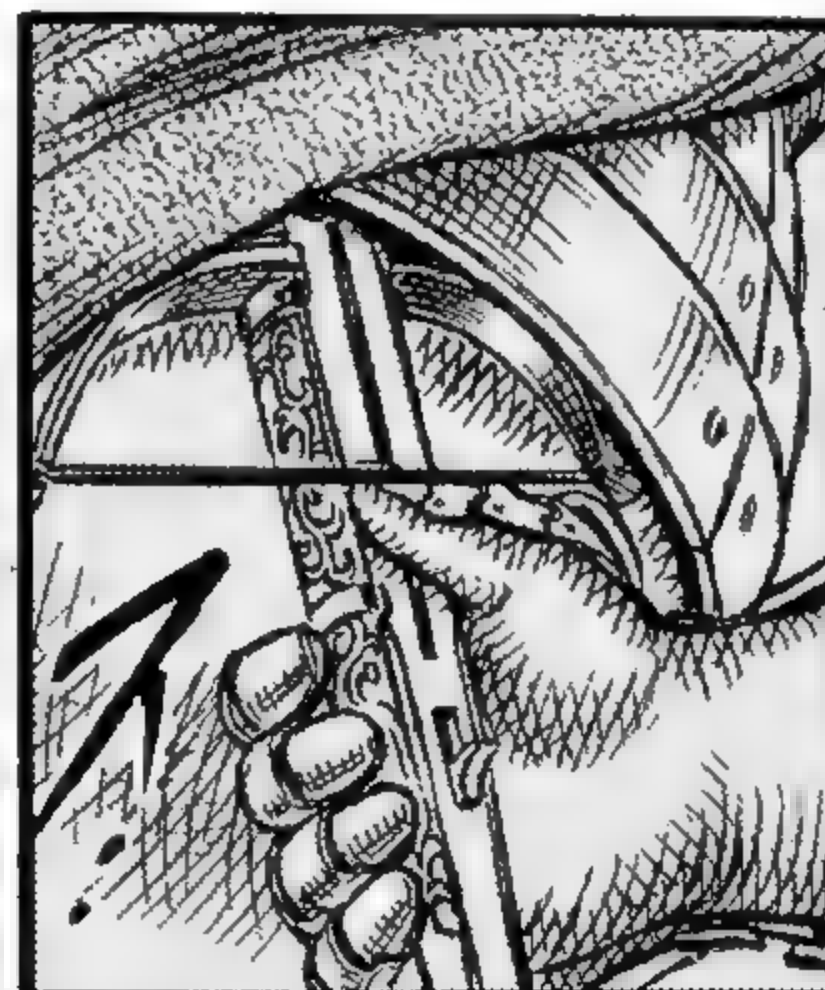
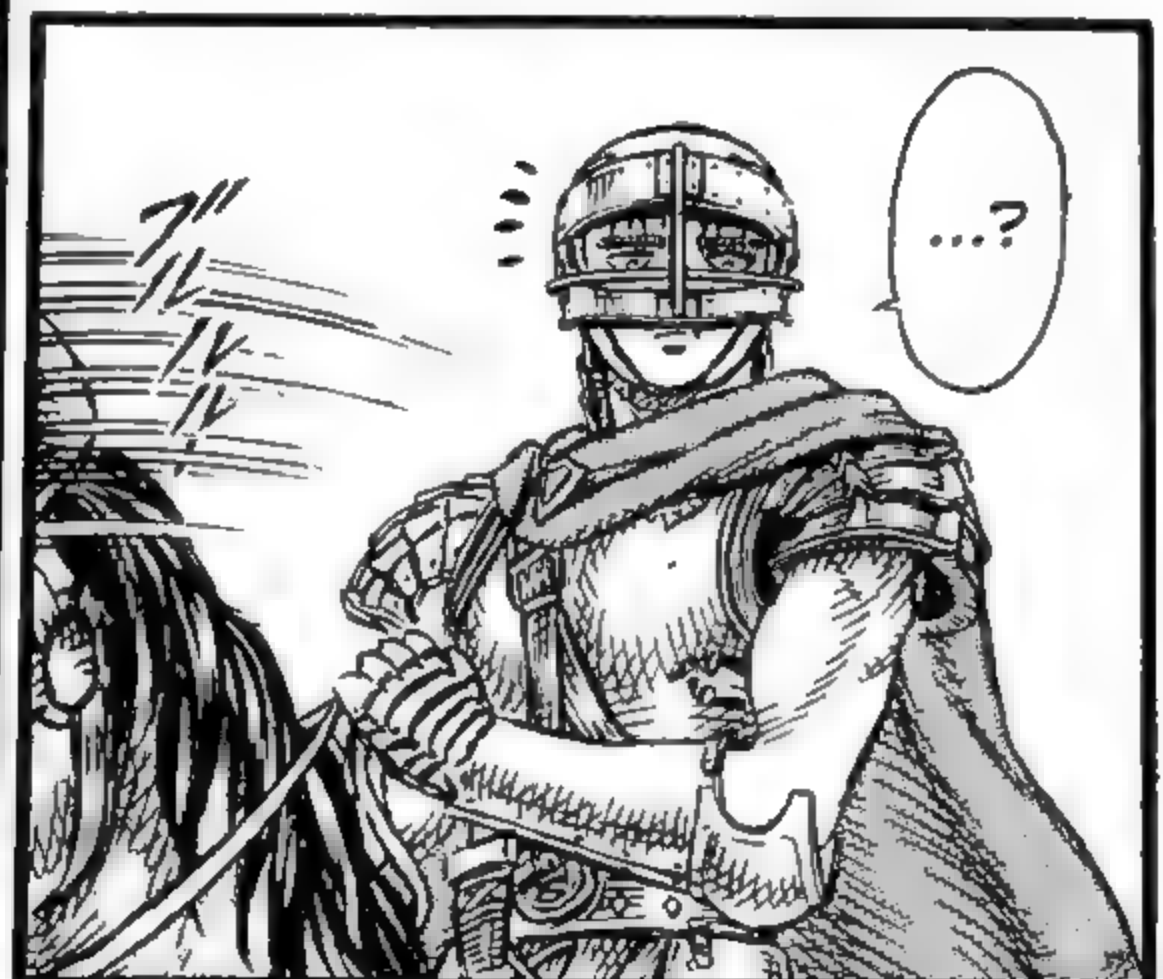
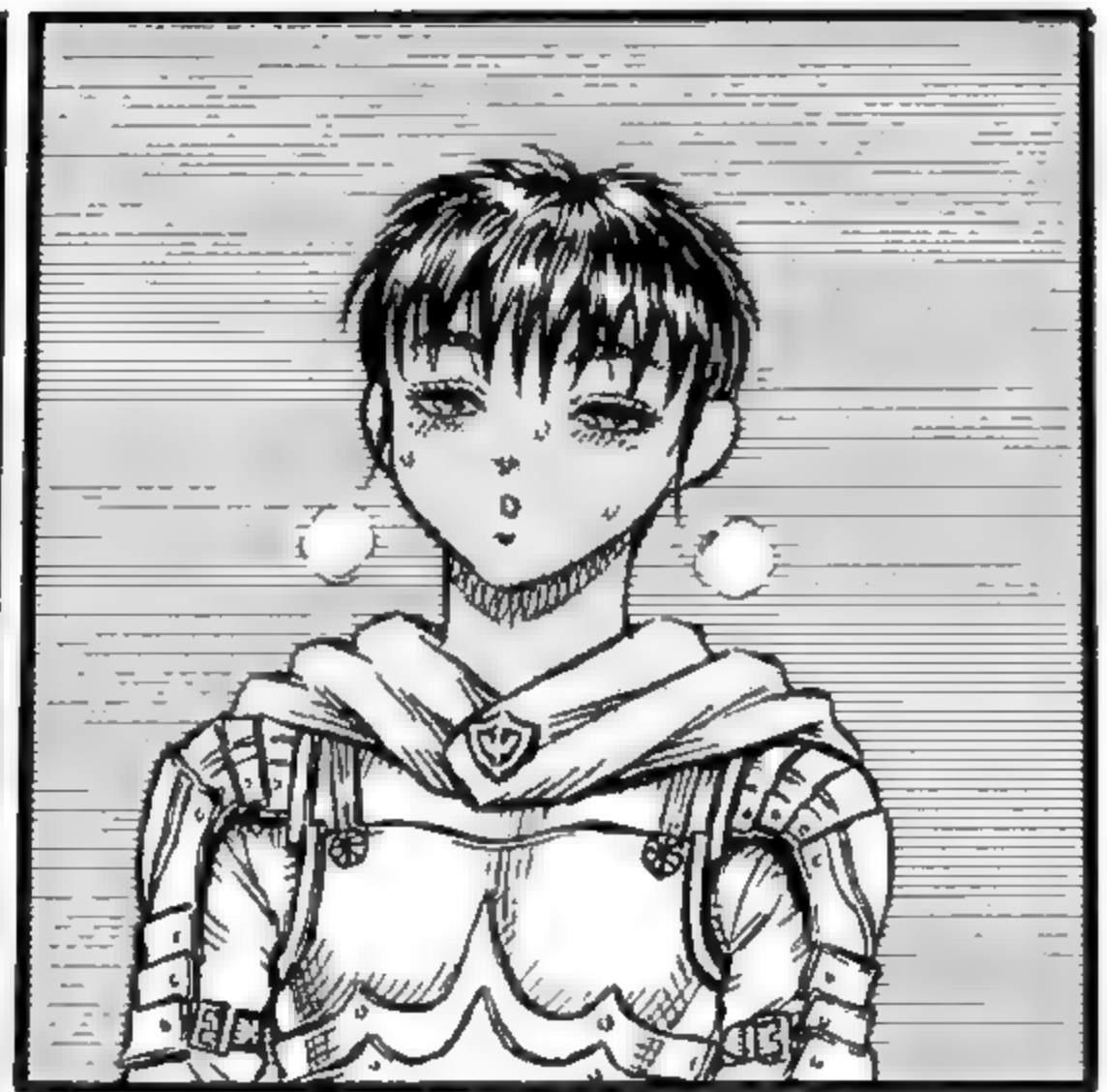
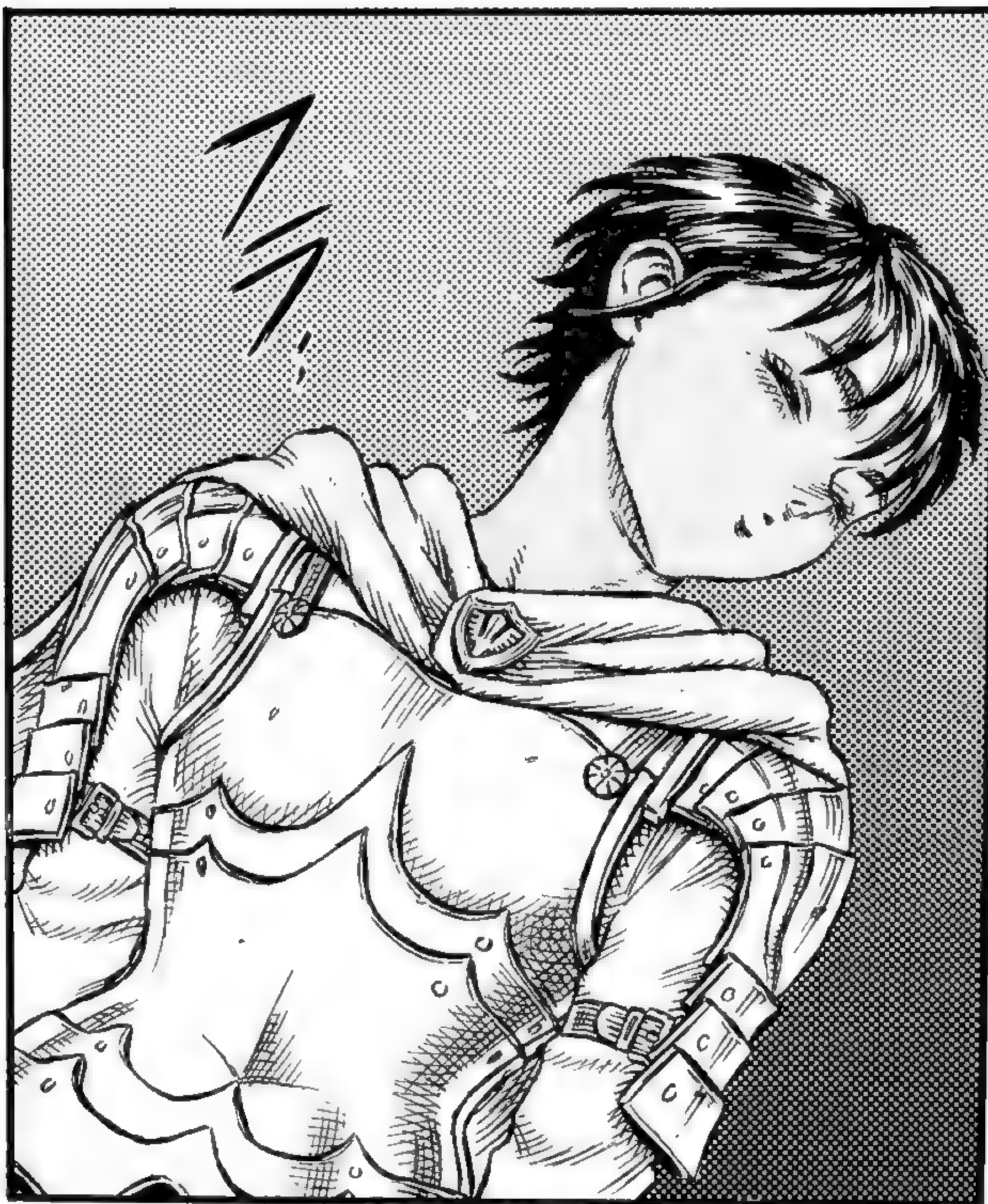
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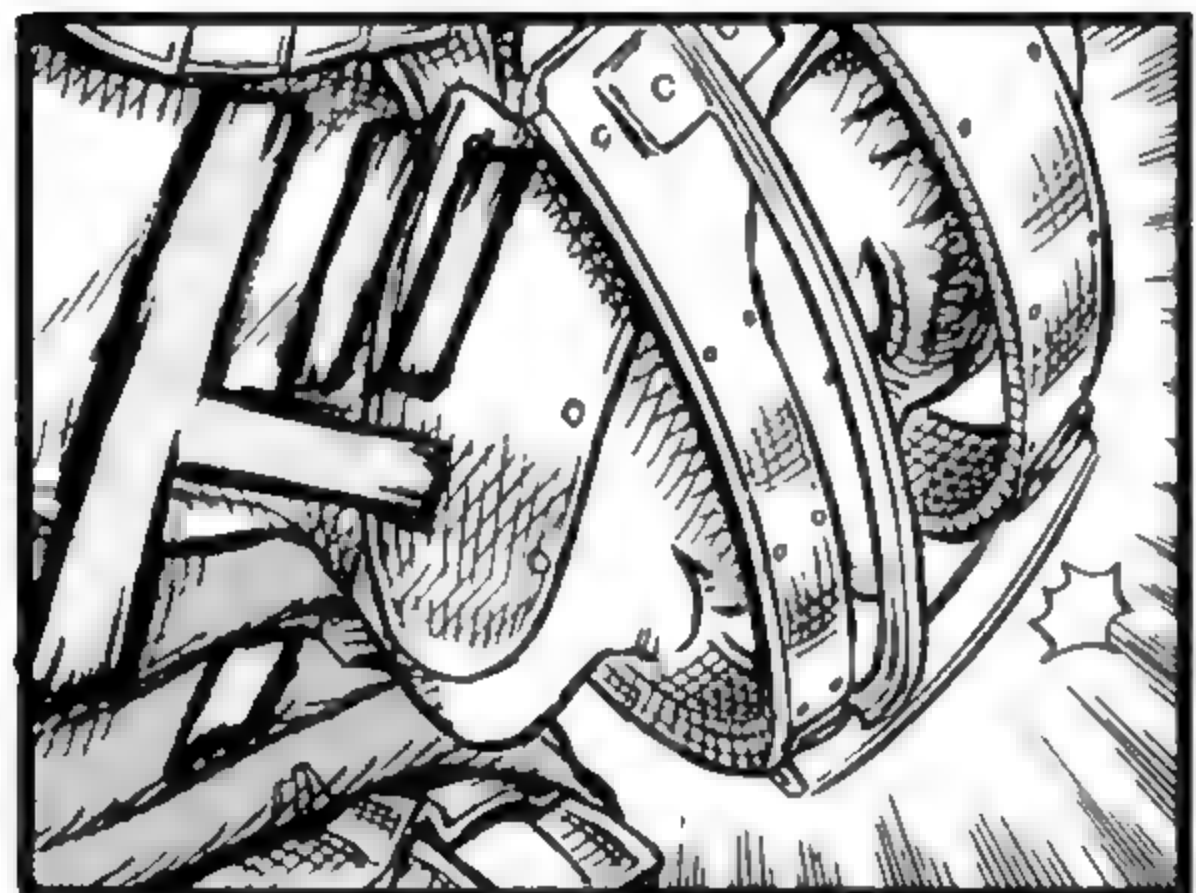
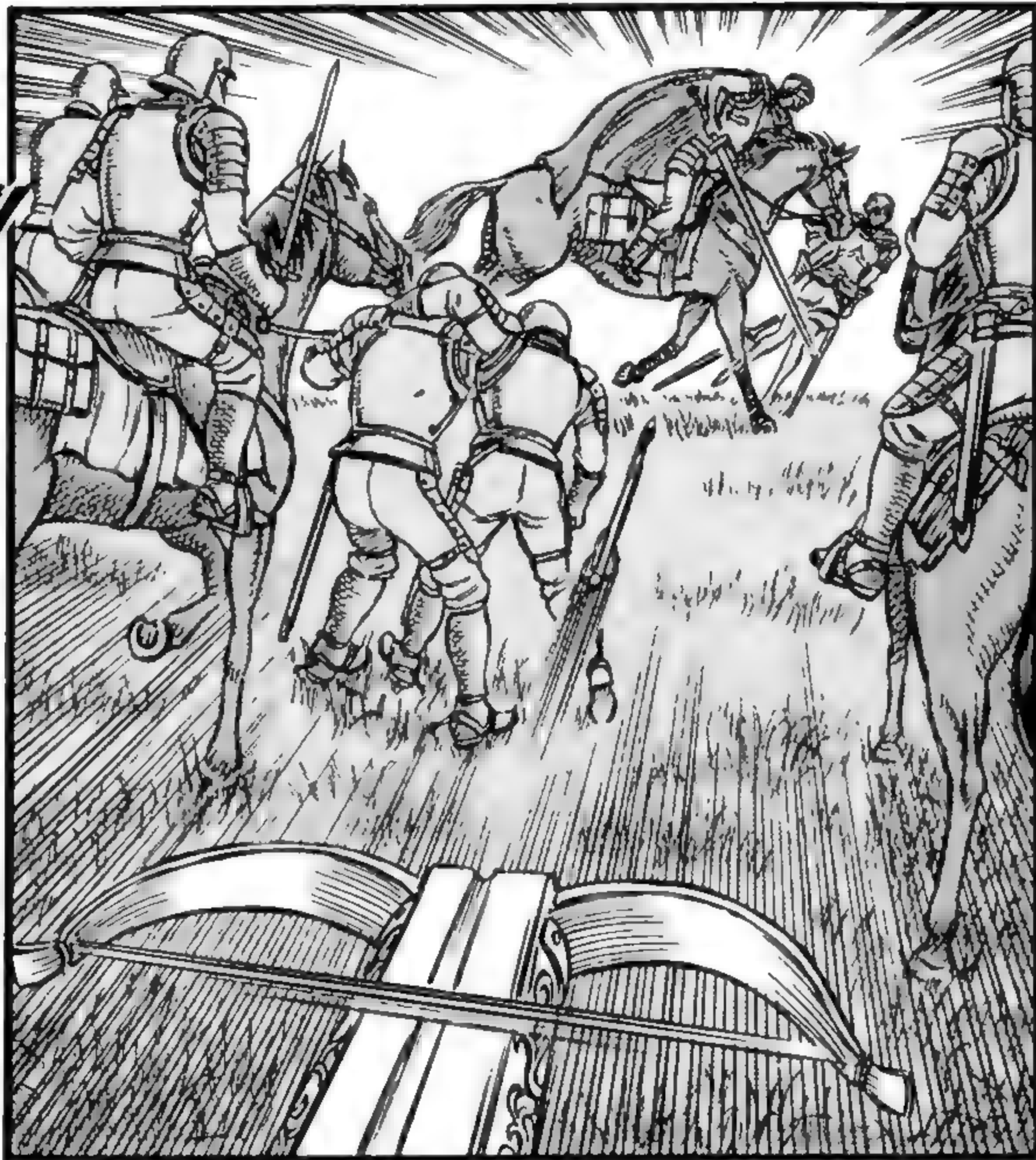
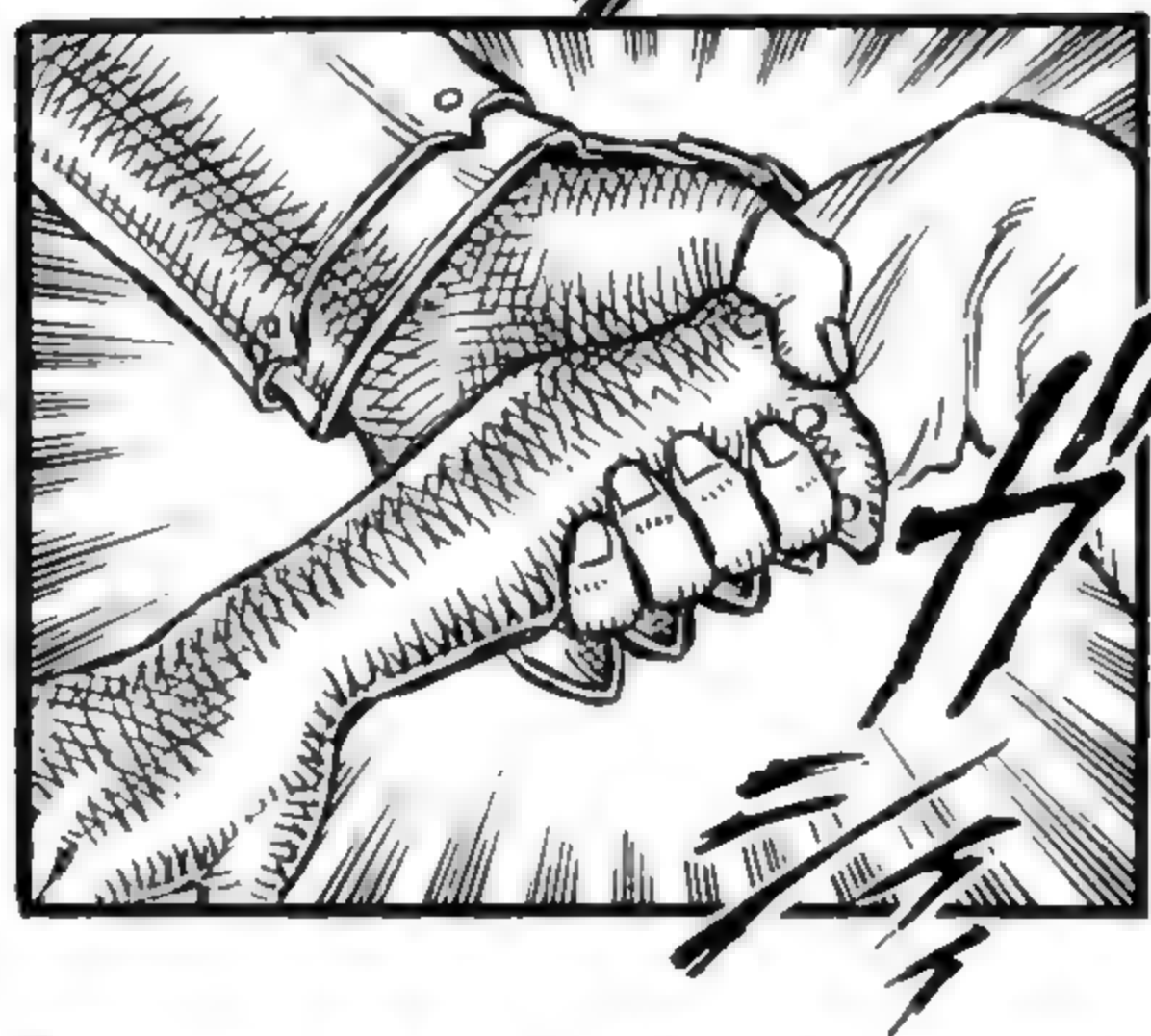
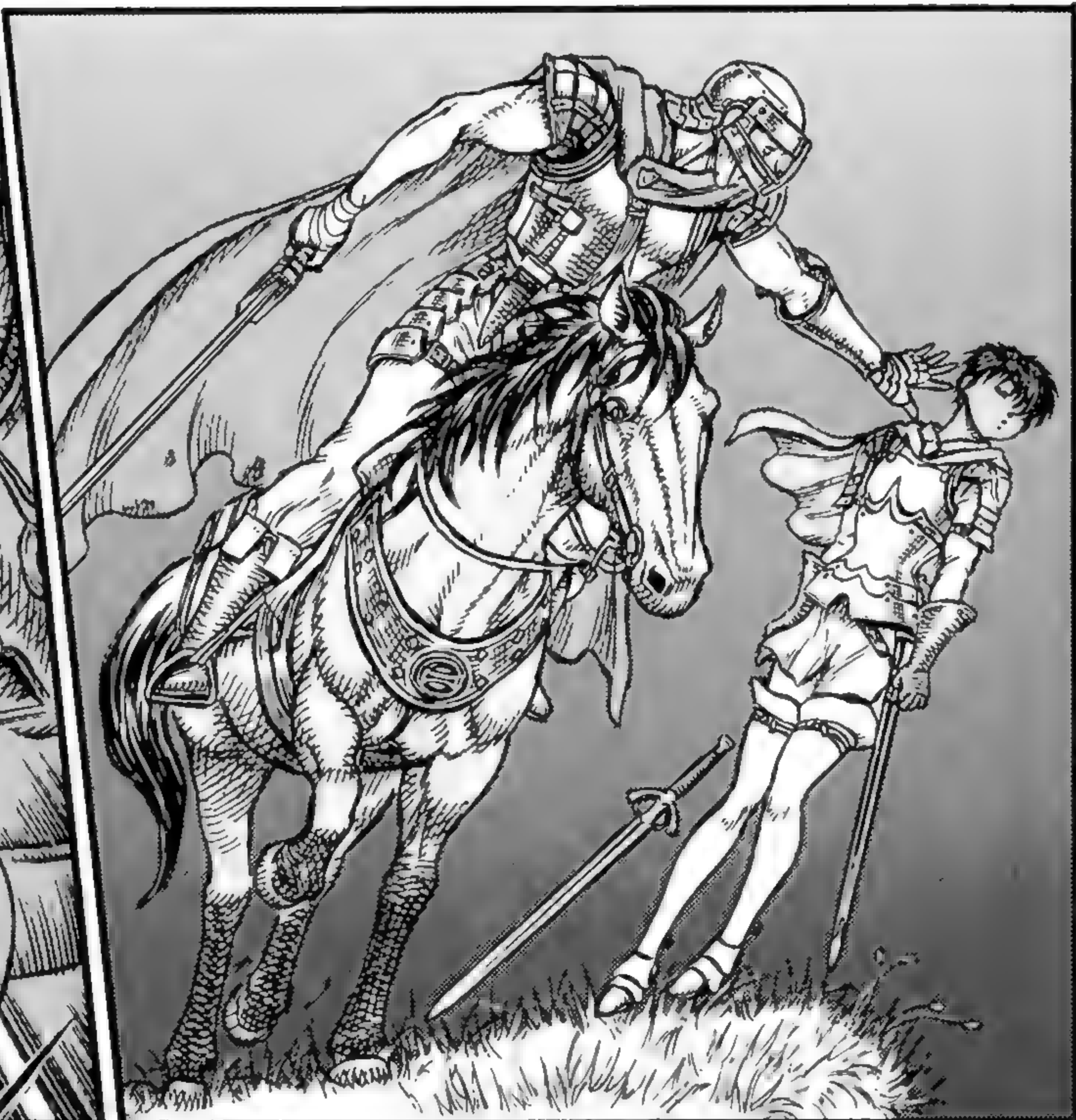


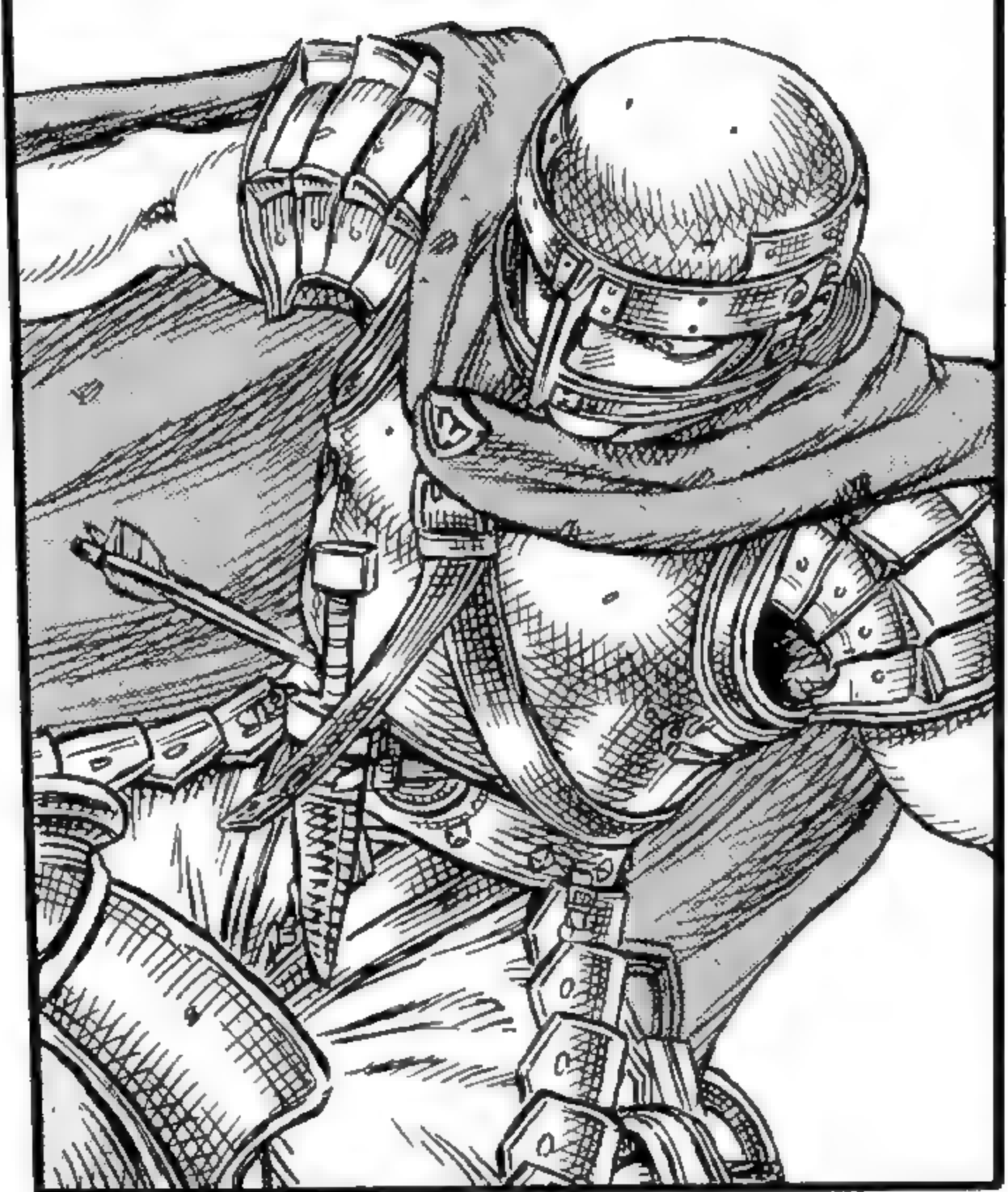
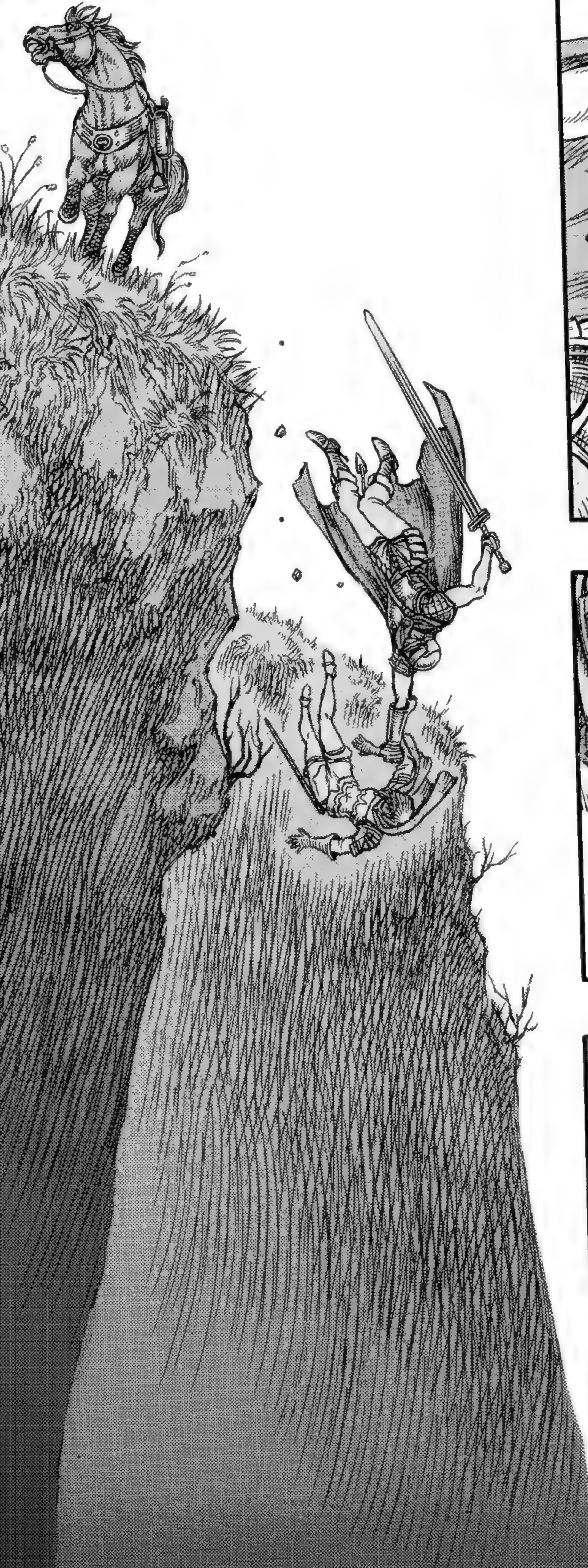
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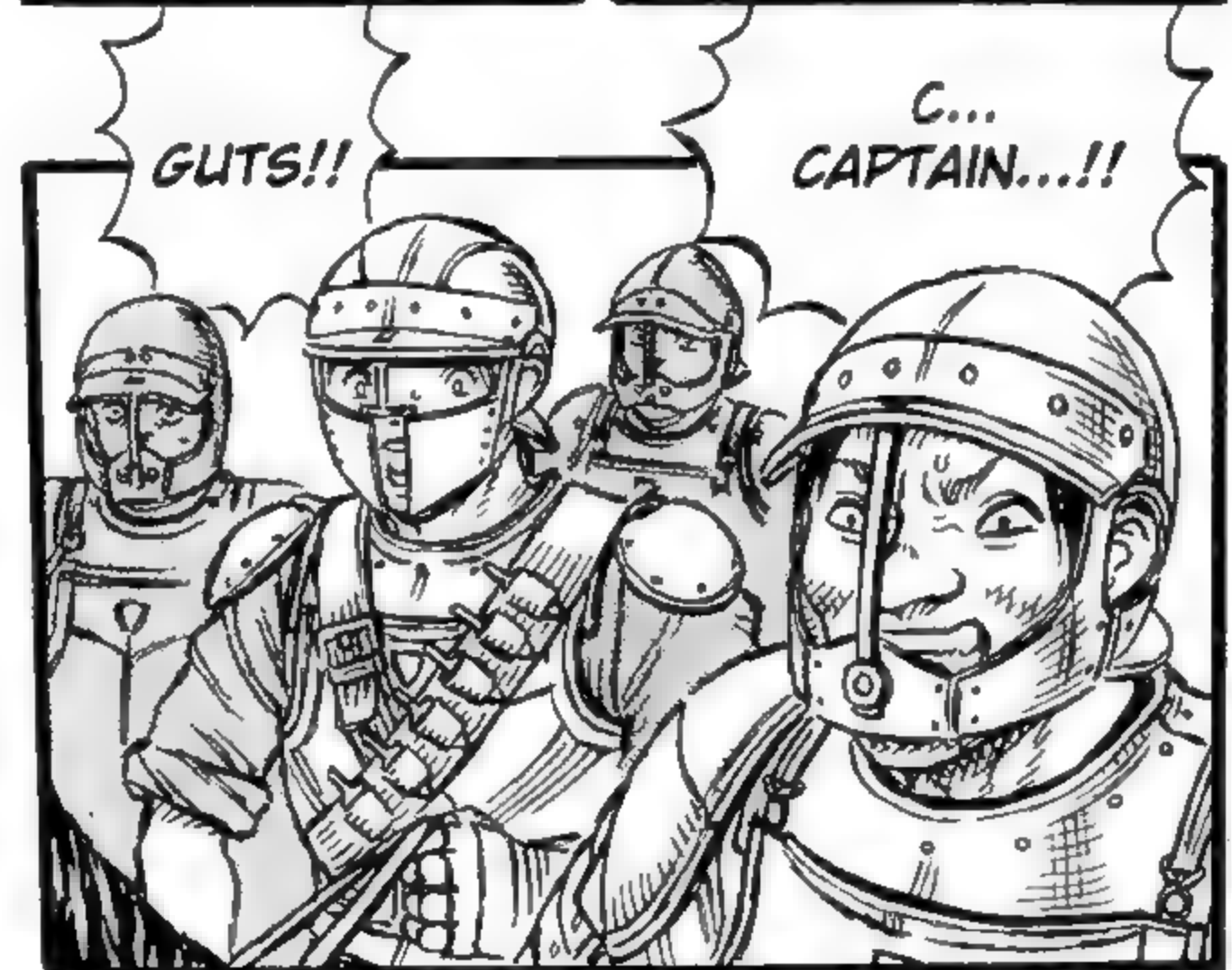
SO
WHAT?







AH,
HELL!

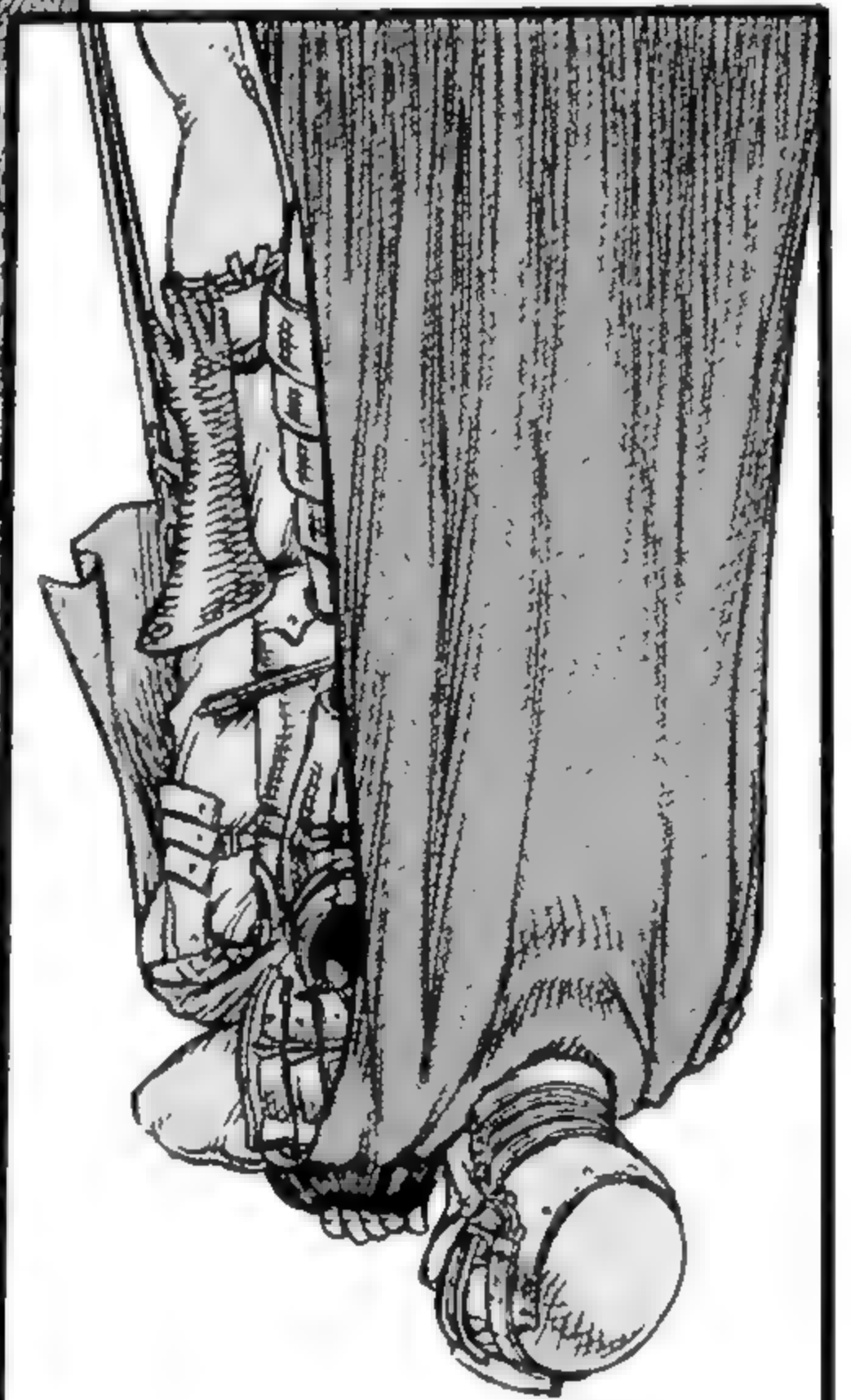
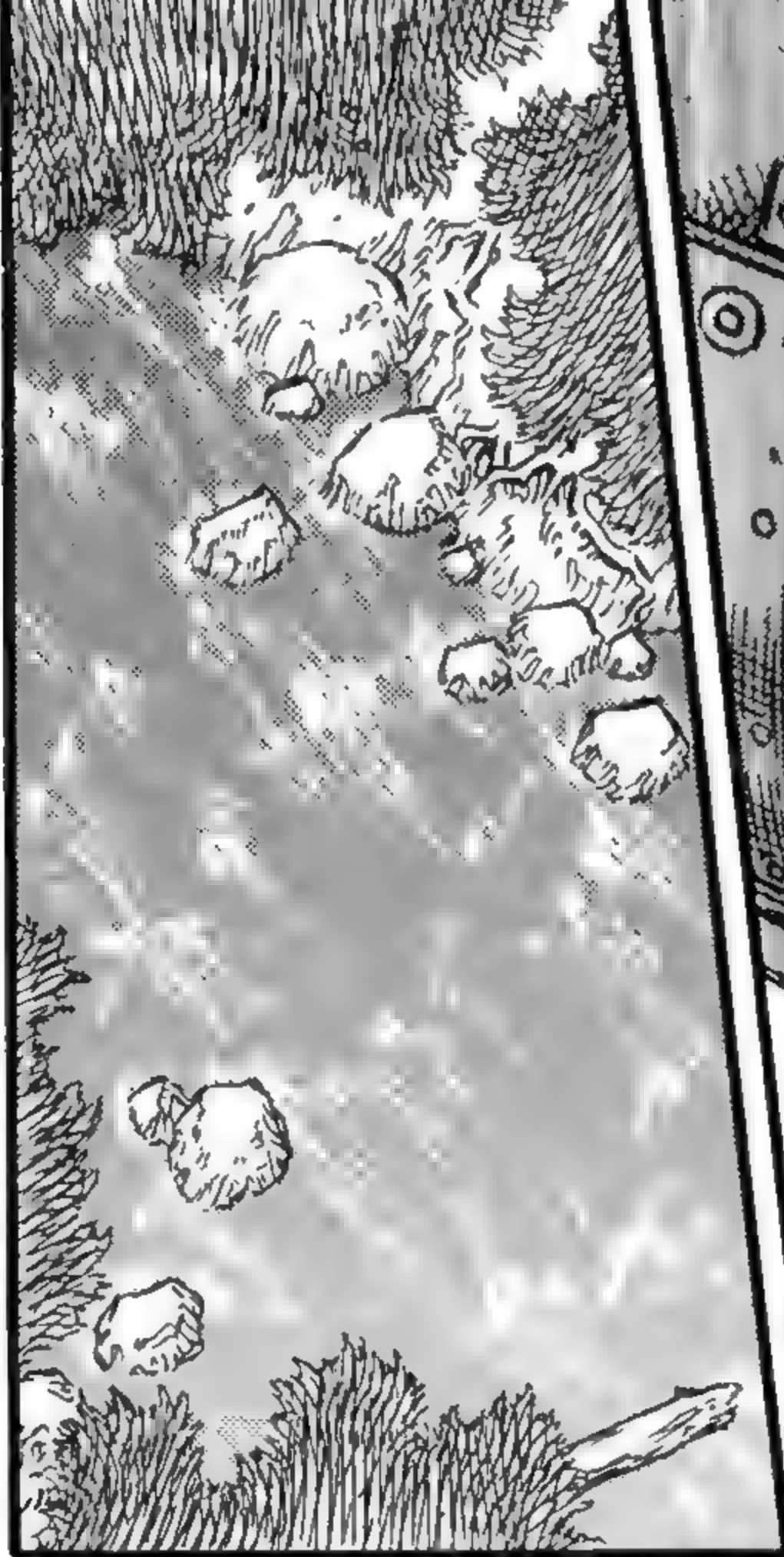


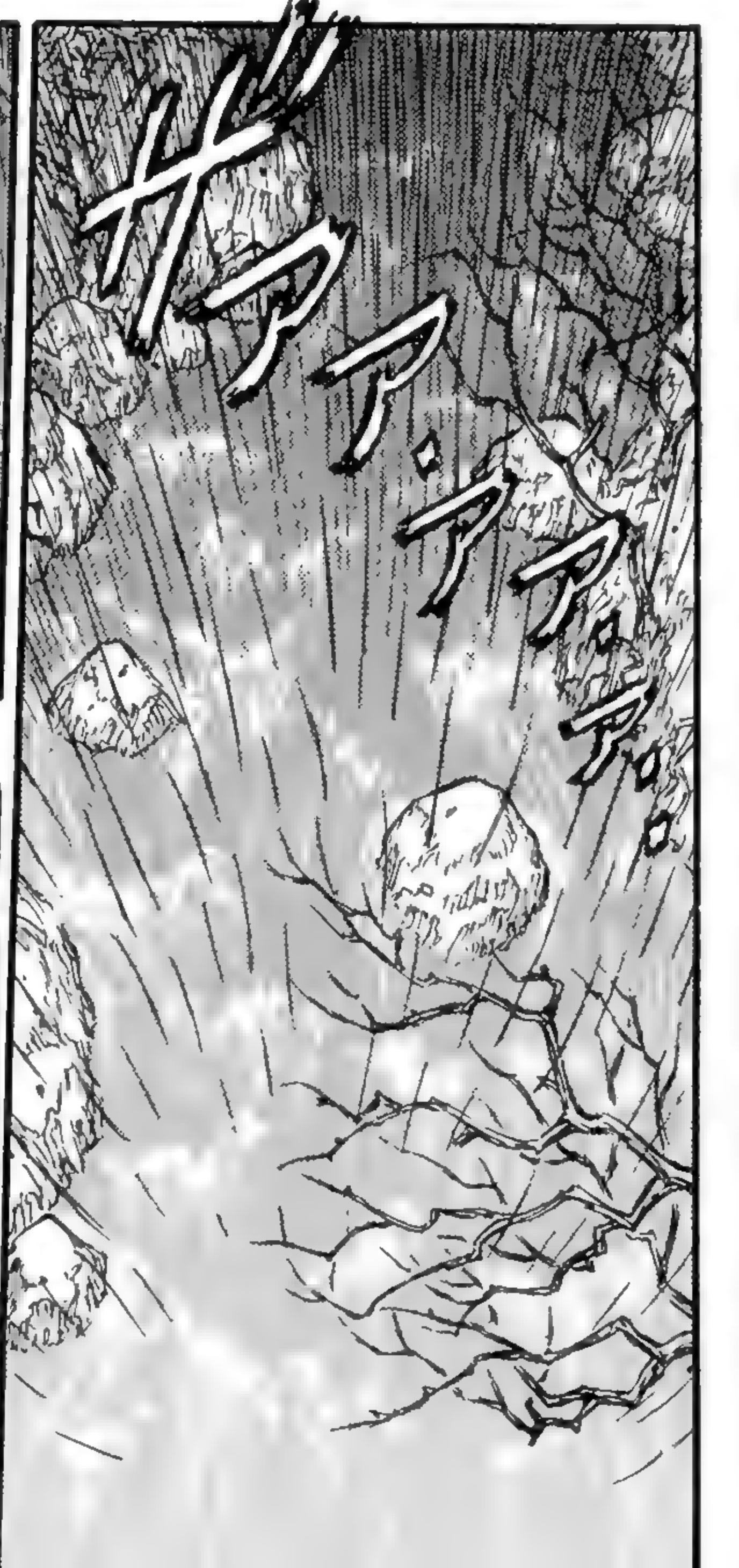
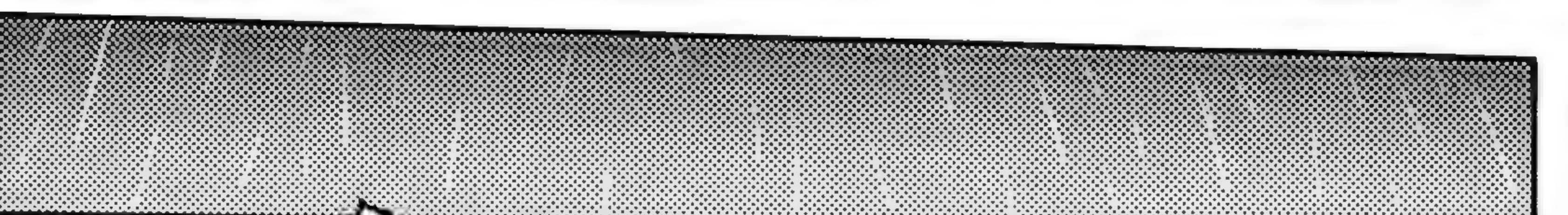
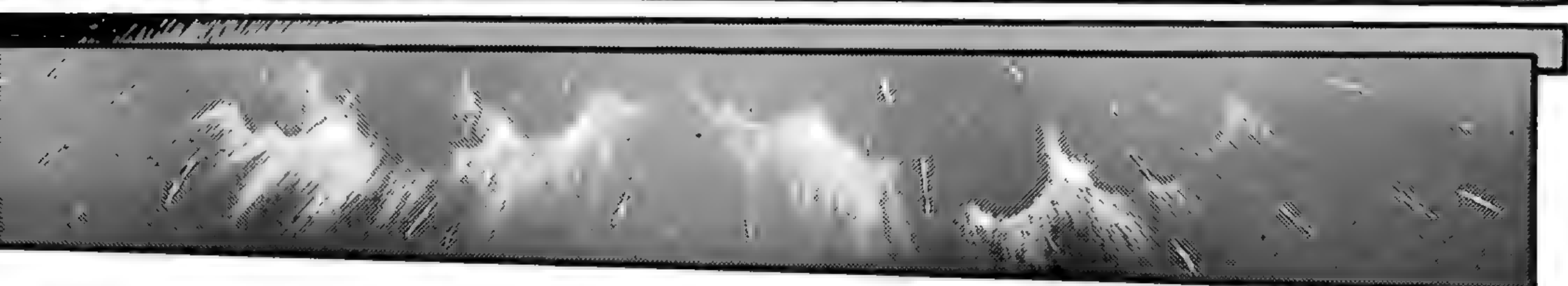
GUTS!!

C...
CAPTAIN...!!



HYAAH!!



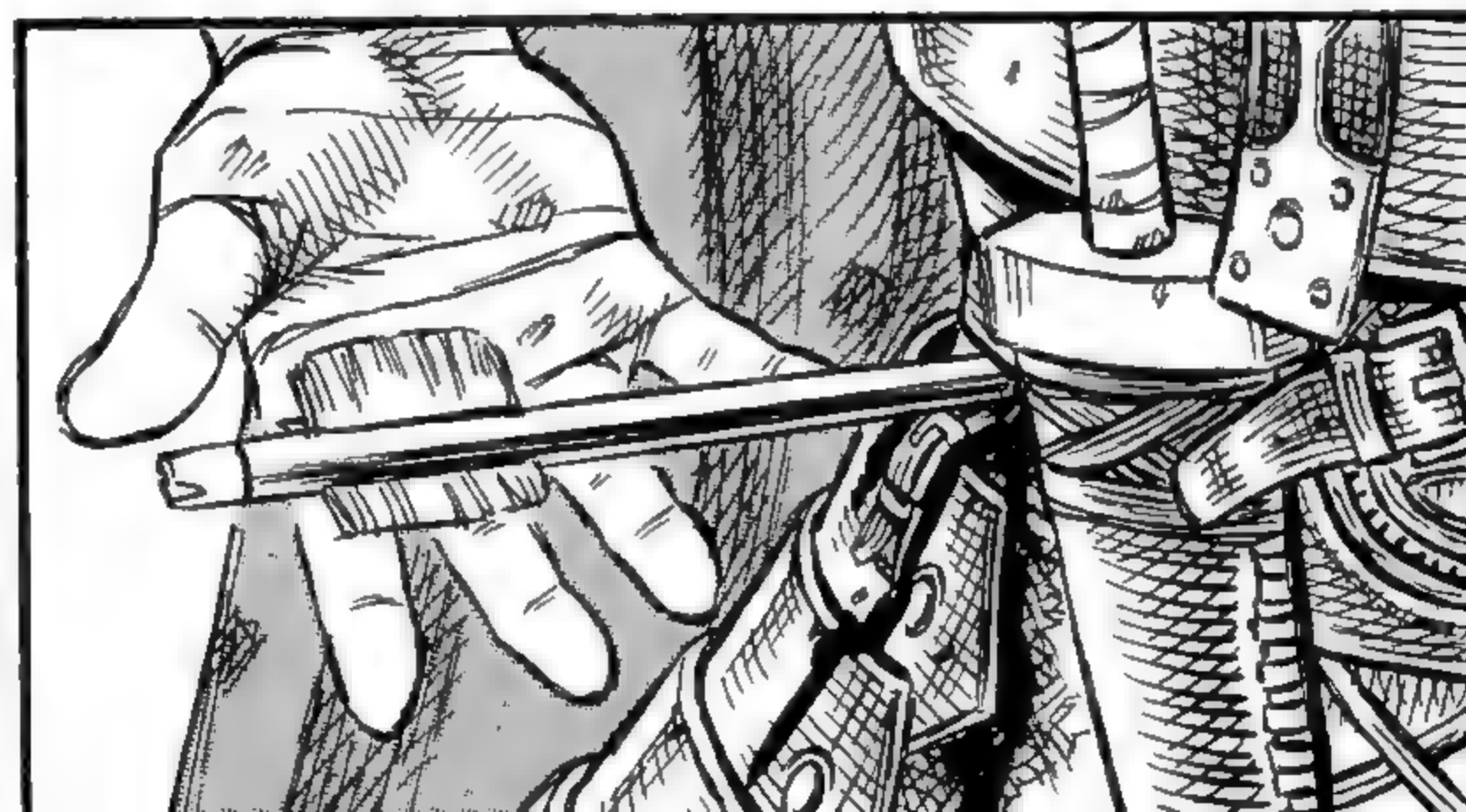
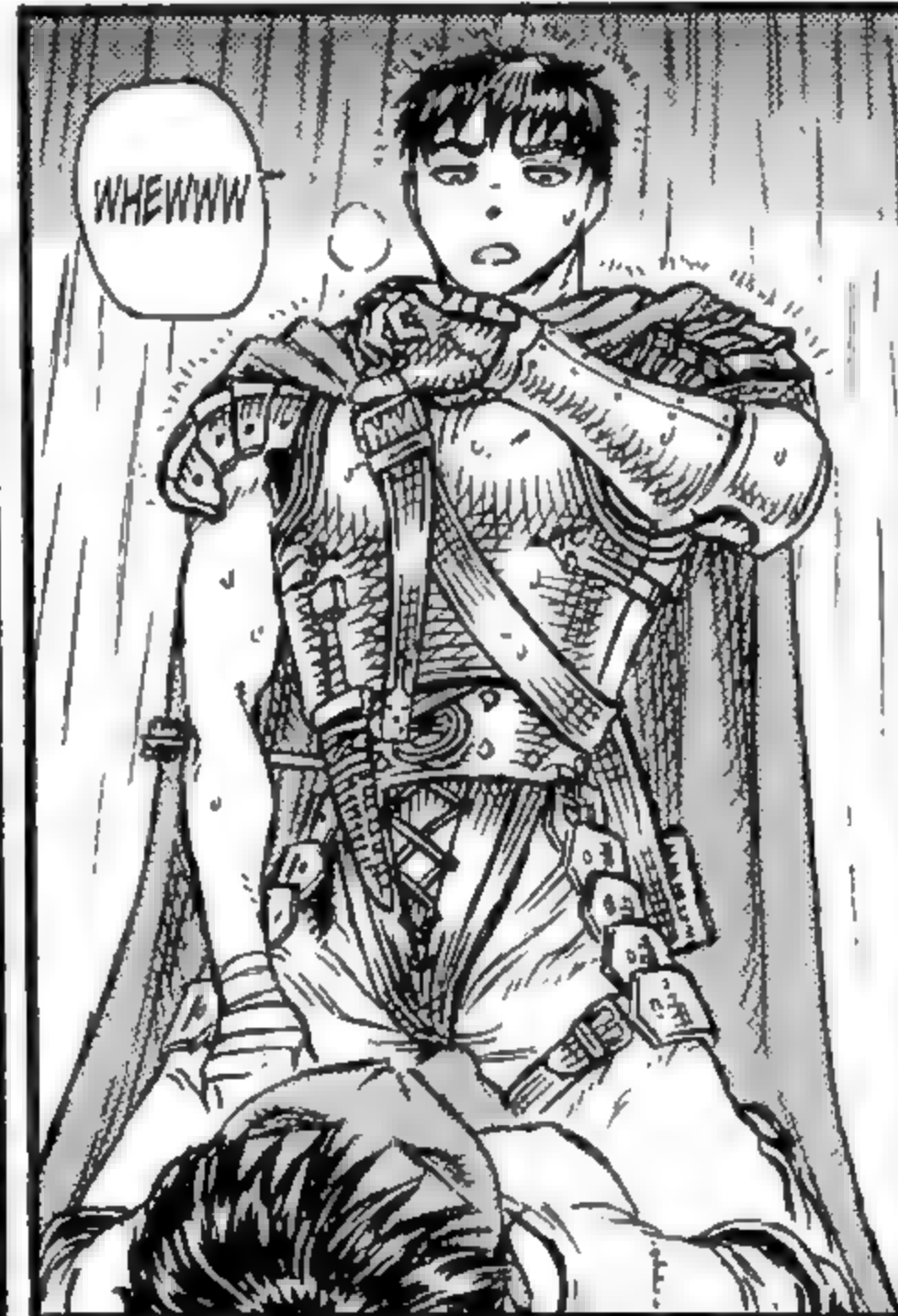
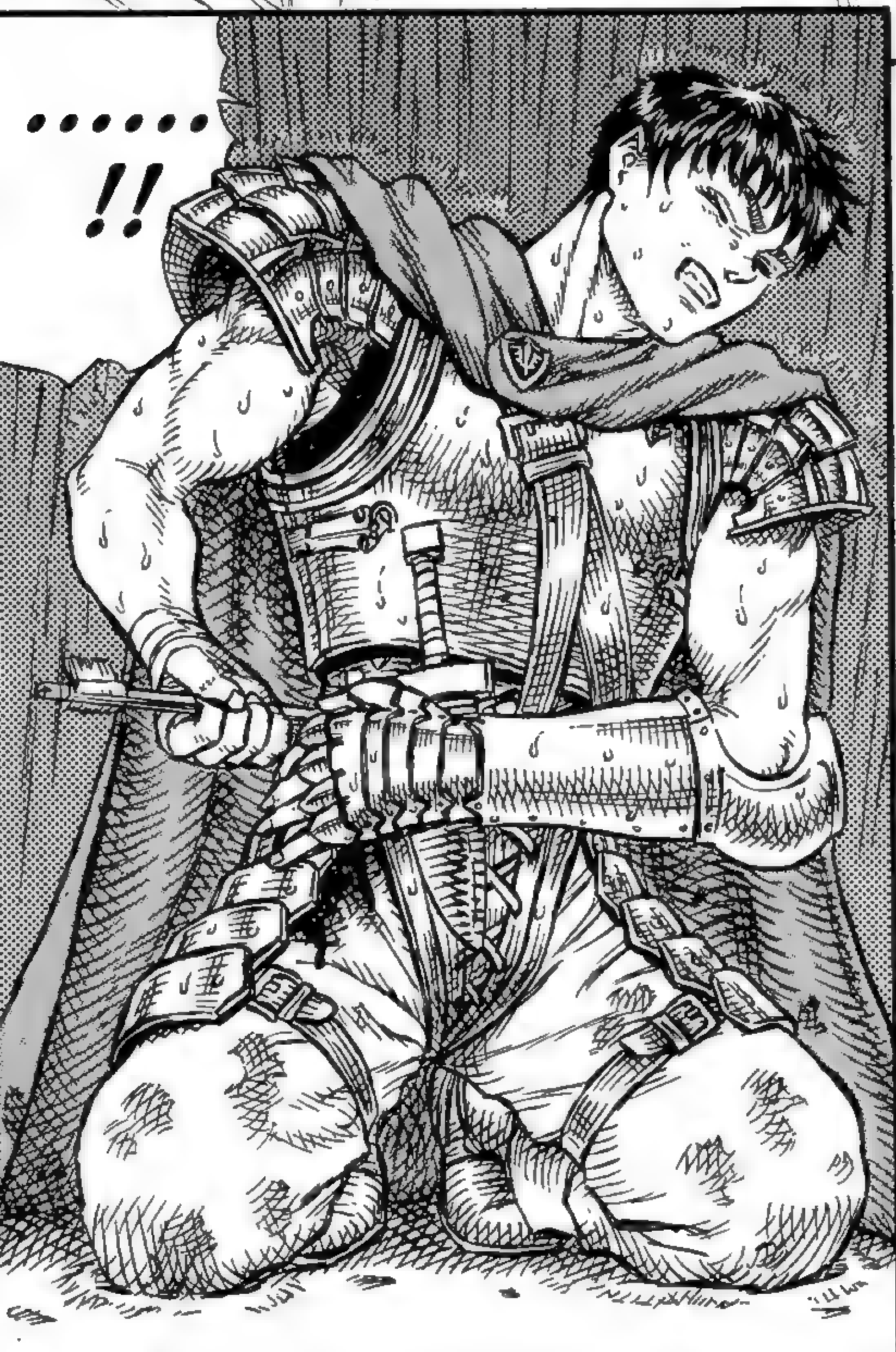
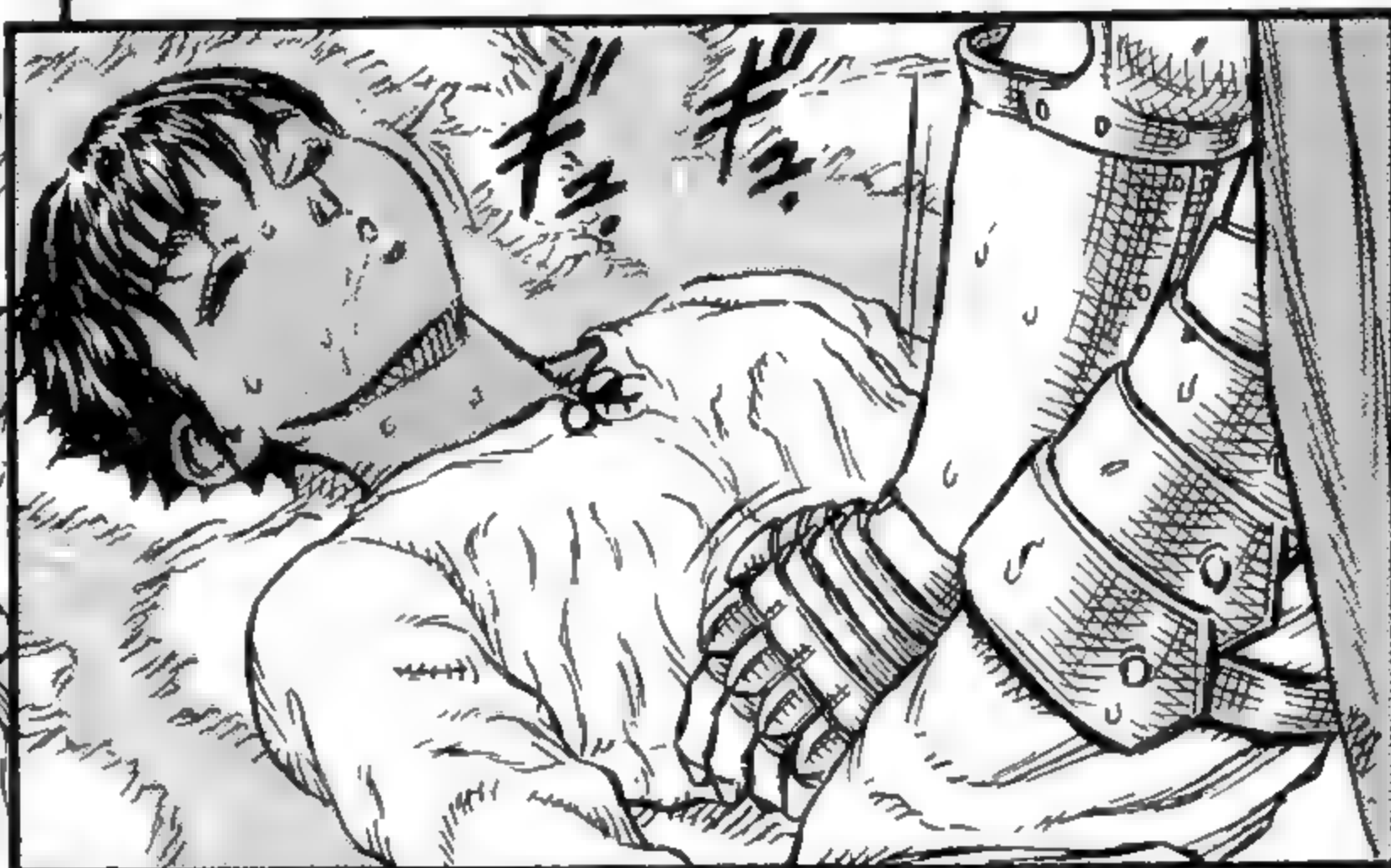




SWIMMING
WITH MY
ARMOR ON ...

I'M
NEVER
DOIN' THAT
AGAIN...







HARD TA BELIEVE ...

...STILL,
WE'RE LUCKY
TO BE ALIVE.
FALLING
FROM UP
THERE.....



HOW
CAN WE
GET
BACK?

WHAT
NOW?
AIN'T NO
WAY WE
CAN SCALE
THAT
CLIFF...

EWWW,
S'COLLD.



DAM-
MIT!
THAT
WHALE
BASTARD
...

HE'S
FISH
BAIT
NEXT
TIME
I SEE
HIM.

サキヤン。



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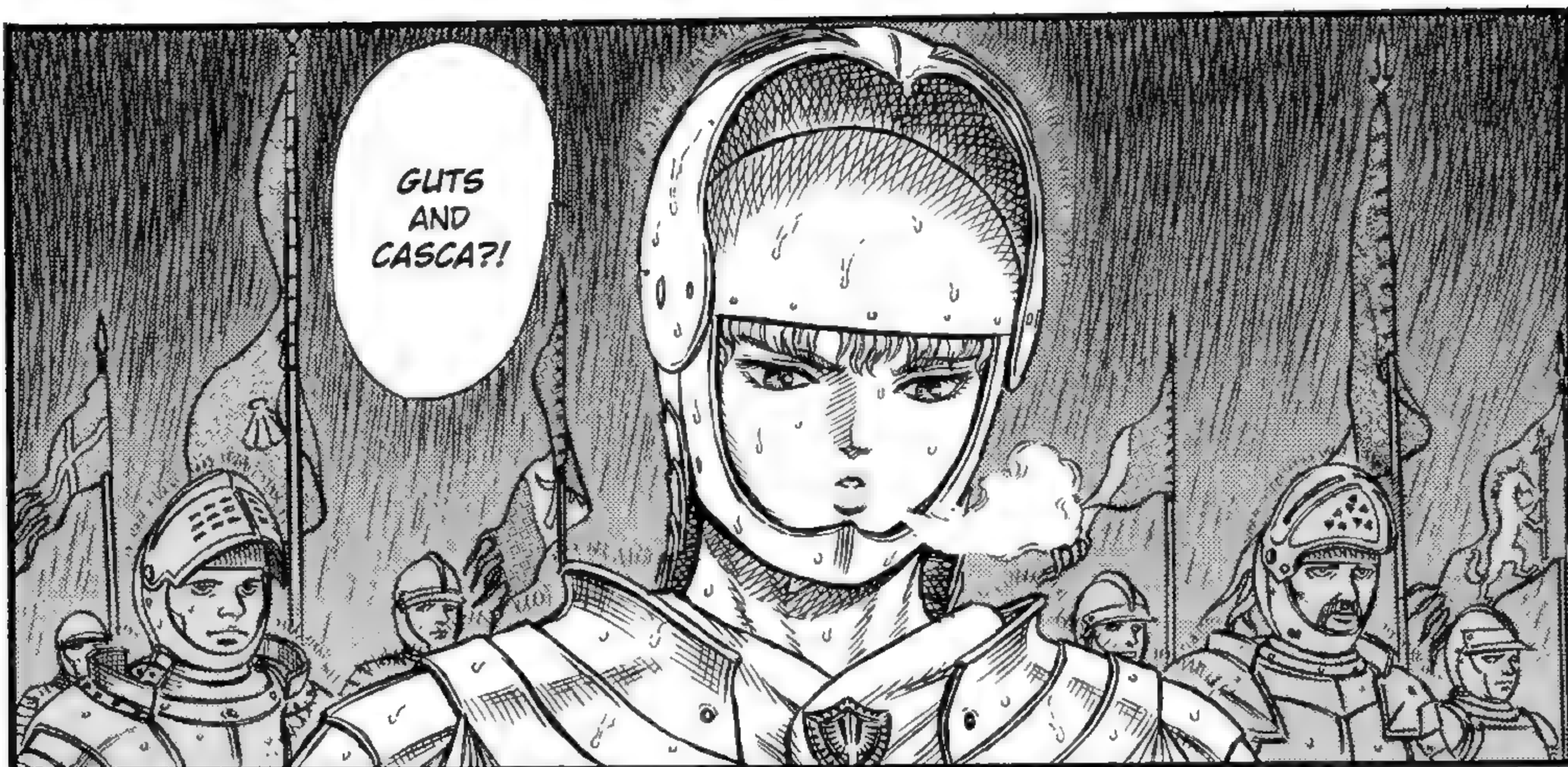
THIS IS
BAD...IF
SHE
STAYS
IN THE
RAIN LIKE
THIS...



!
HIGH
FEVER
...

MUST
BE WHY
SHE
FAINTED...



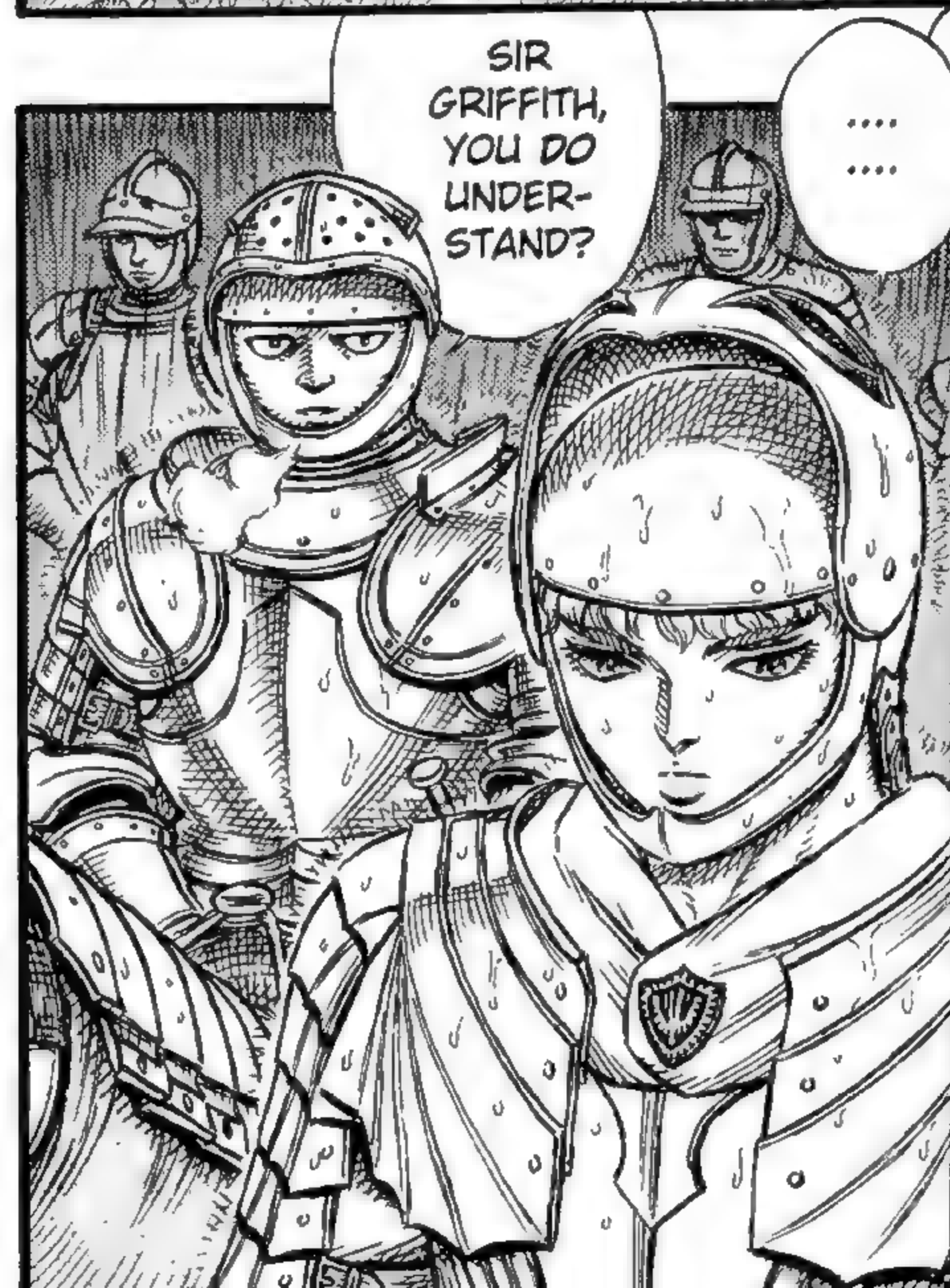


GUTS
AND
CASCA?!



IT WAS
QUITE A
HIGH
CLIFF...

BUT THERE
WAS A RIVER
BENEATH, SO
SURELY...



SIR
GRIFFITH,
YOU DO
UNDER-
STAND?

....
....

BUT WHETHER
HE'D LAND
SAFELY OR
NOT FROM
THAT
HEIGHT
...

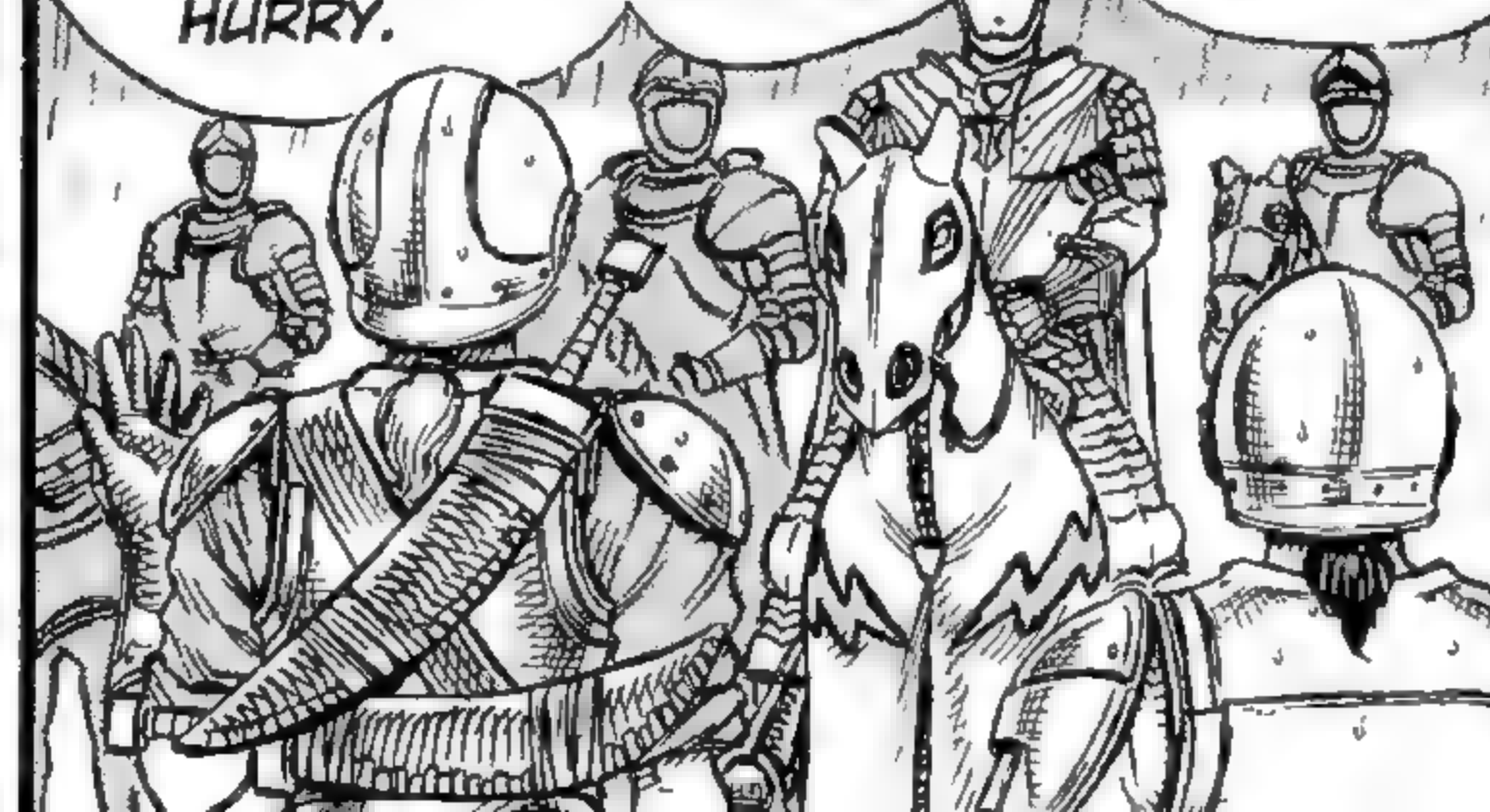
I DON'T THINK IT'S
ANYTHING LIFE-
THREATENING,
AT
LEAST...

THIS
IS HIM
WE'RE
TALKING
ABOUT...

IF WE SEND OUT
A SEARCH PARTY,
WE SHOULD
HURRY.

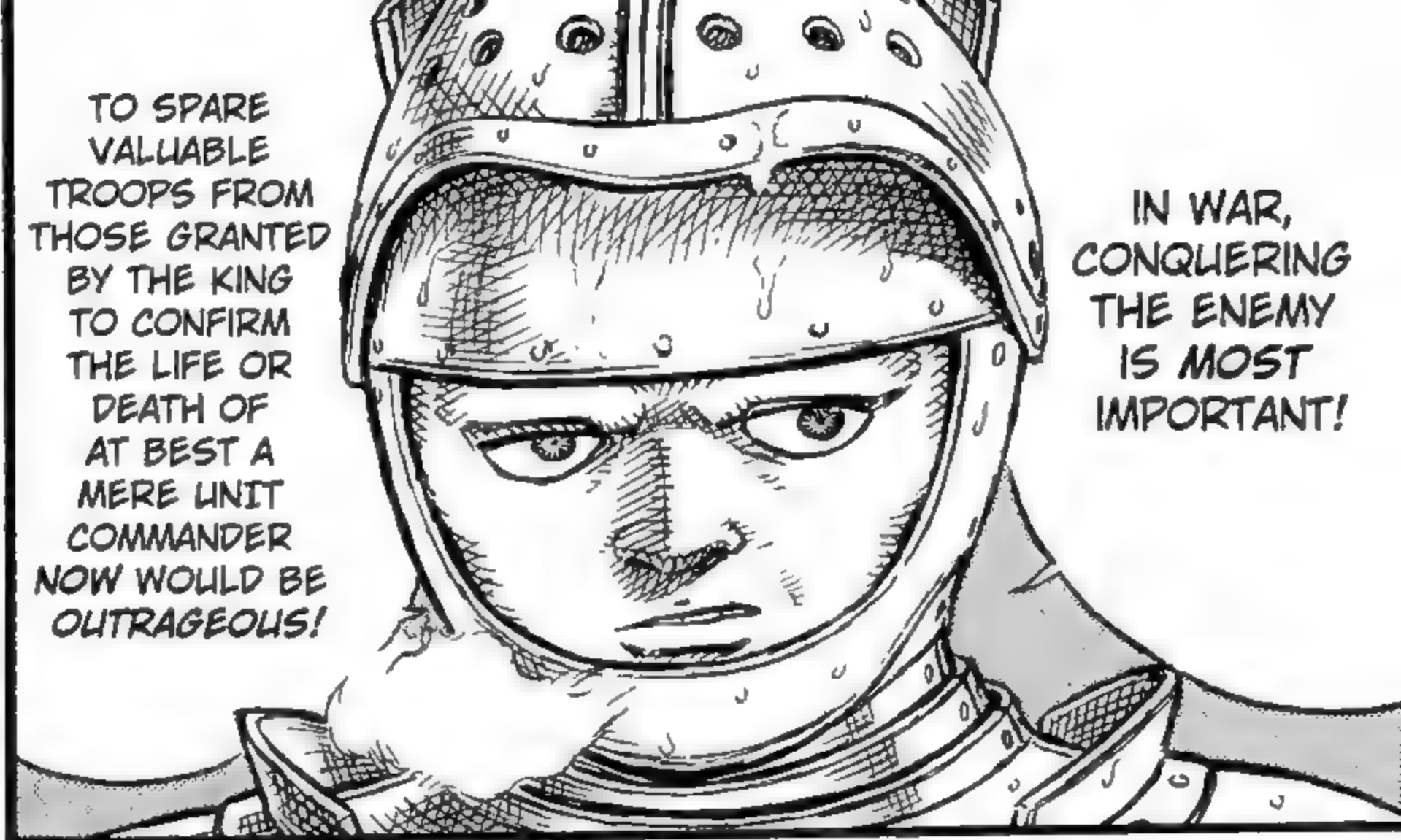
AND
SOMETHING
WAS WRONG
WITH CASCA.

HE'D
BEEN
WOUNDED...



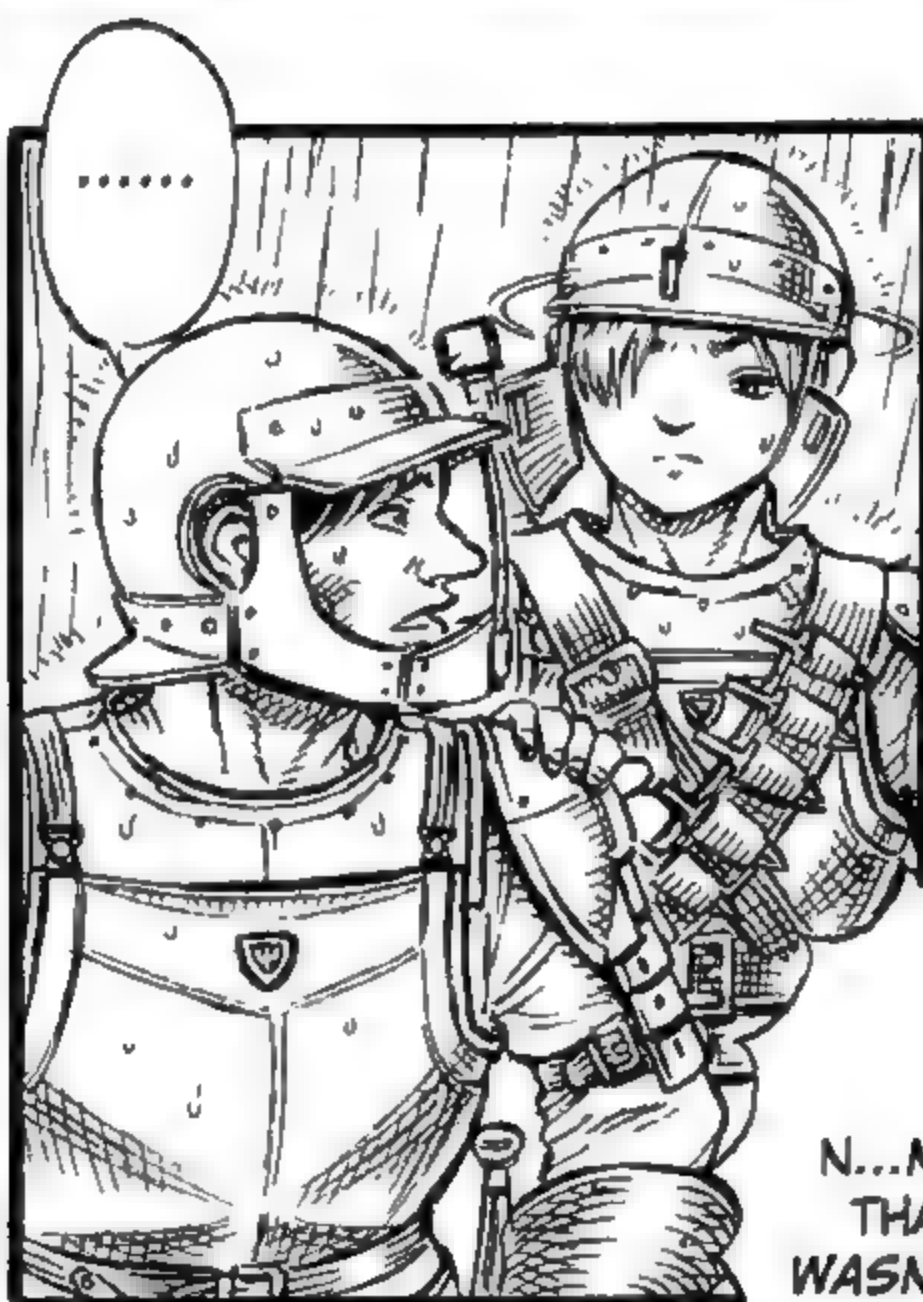


BESIDES,
THE BAND OF
THE HAWK'S
HIGHLY TOUTED
RAIDERS
CAPTAIN AND
FEMALE
COMMANDER
ARE
TOGETHER,
ARE THEY
NOT?



TO SPARE
VALUABLE
TROOPS FROM
THOSE GRANTED
BY THE KING
TO CONFIRM
THE LIFE OR
DEATH OF
AT BEST A
MERE UNIT
COMMANDER
NOW WOULD BE
OUTRAGEOUS!

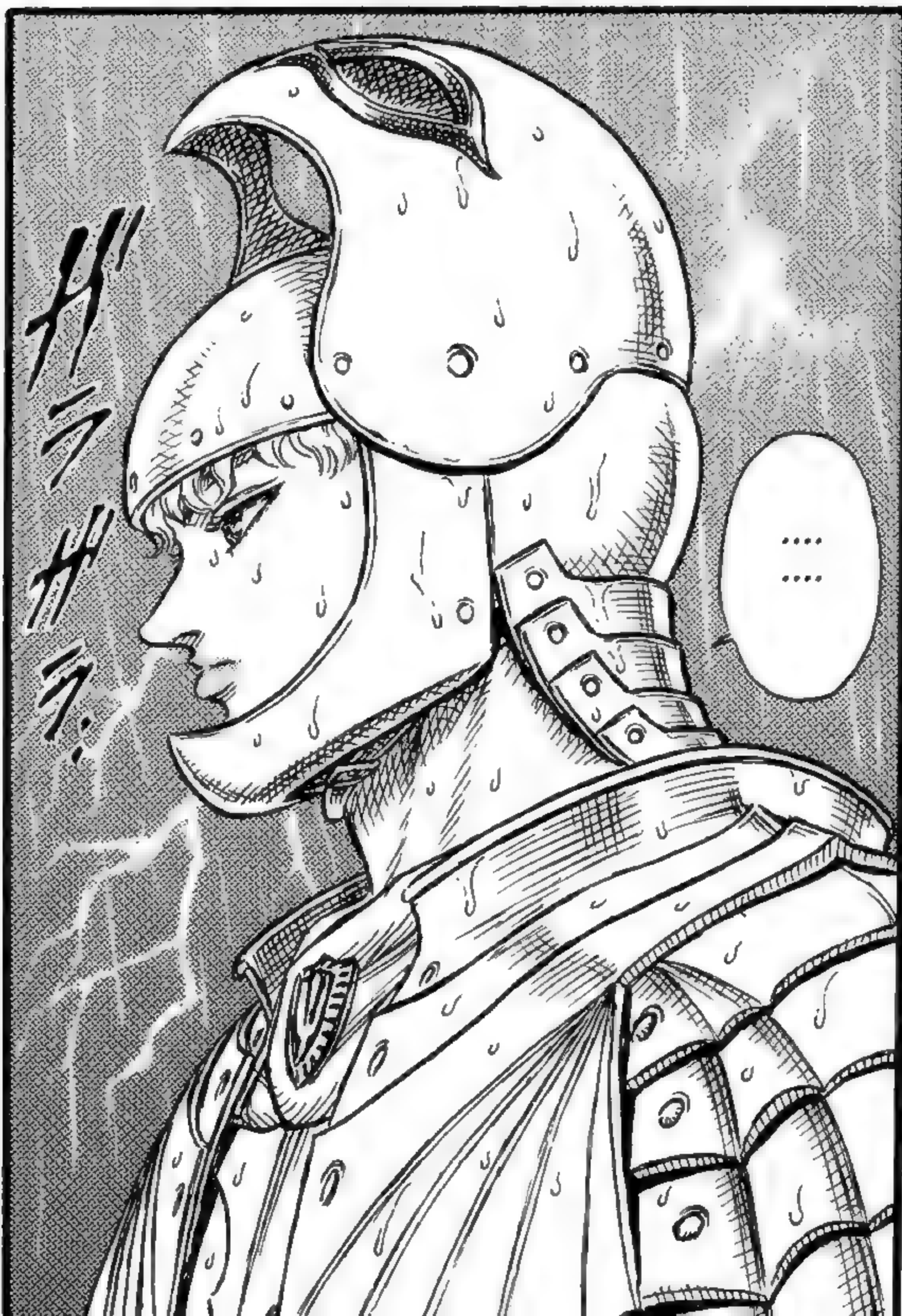
IN WAR,
CONQUERING
THE ENEMY
IS MOST
IMPORTANT!



N...NO!
THAT
WASN'T...!



FURTHERMORE,
HE BROUGHT
THIS UPON
HIMSELF BY
ENGAGING IN
PERSONAL
COMBAT!



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....



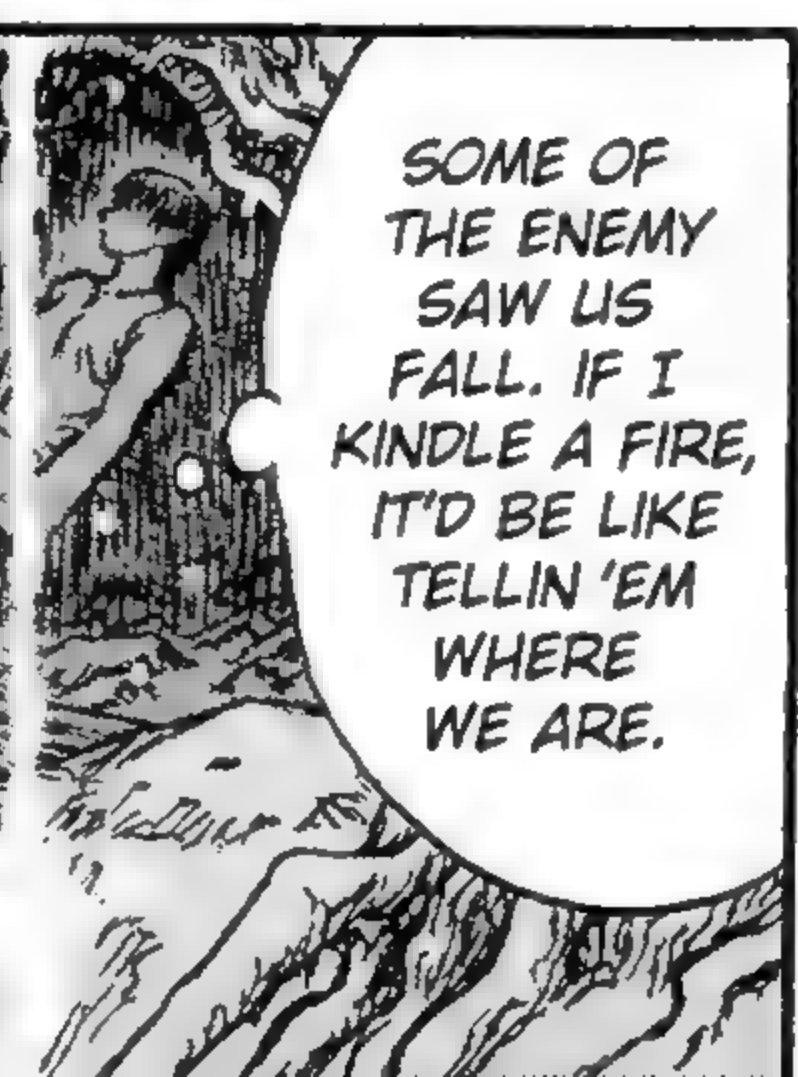
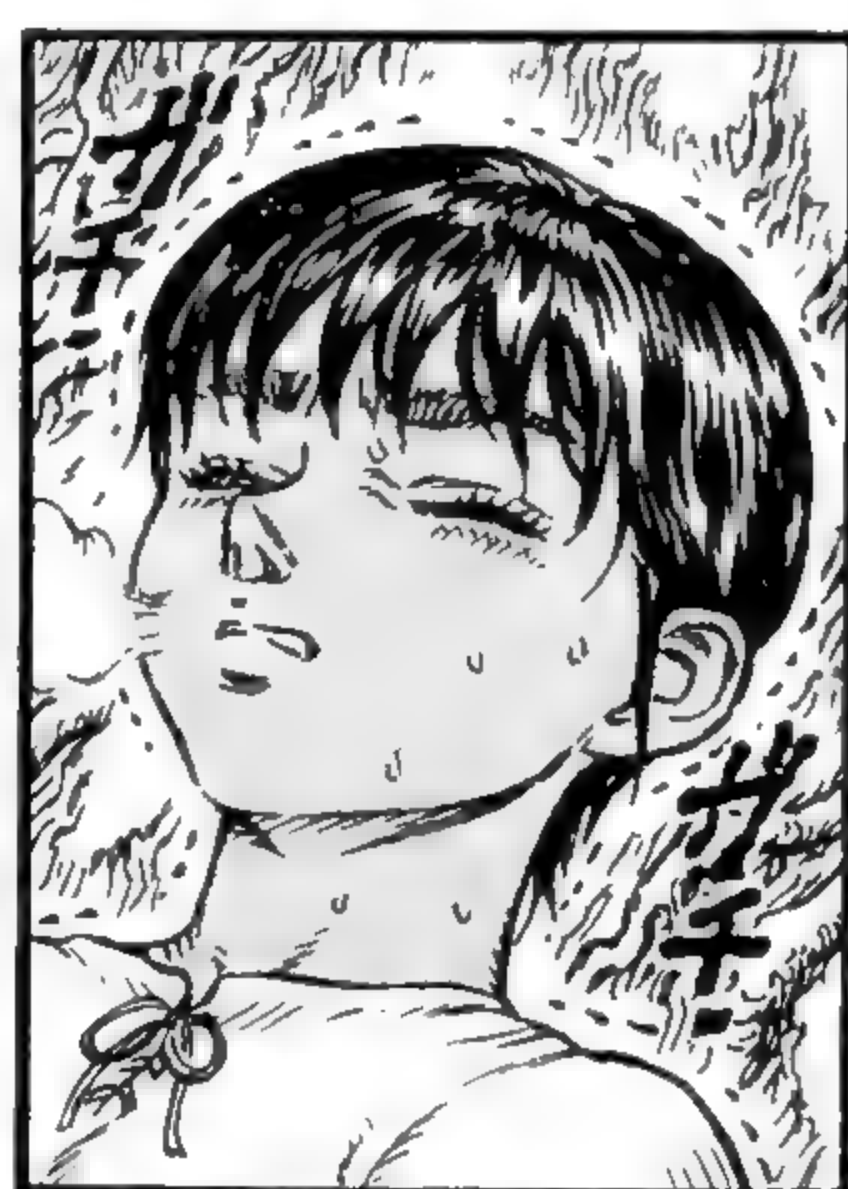
THEY OUGHT TO
BE ABLE TO
SURMOUNT SUCH
A DILEMMA WITH
EASE.

CER-
TAIN-
LY.

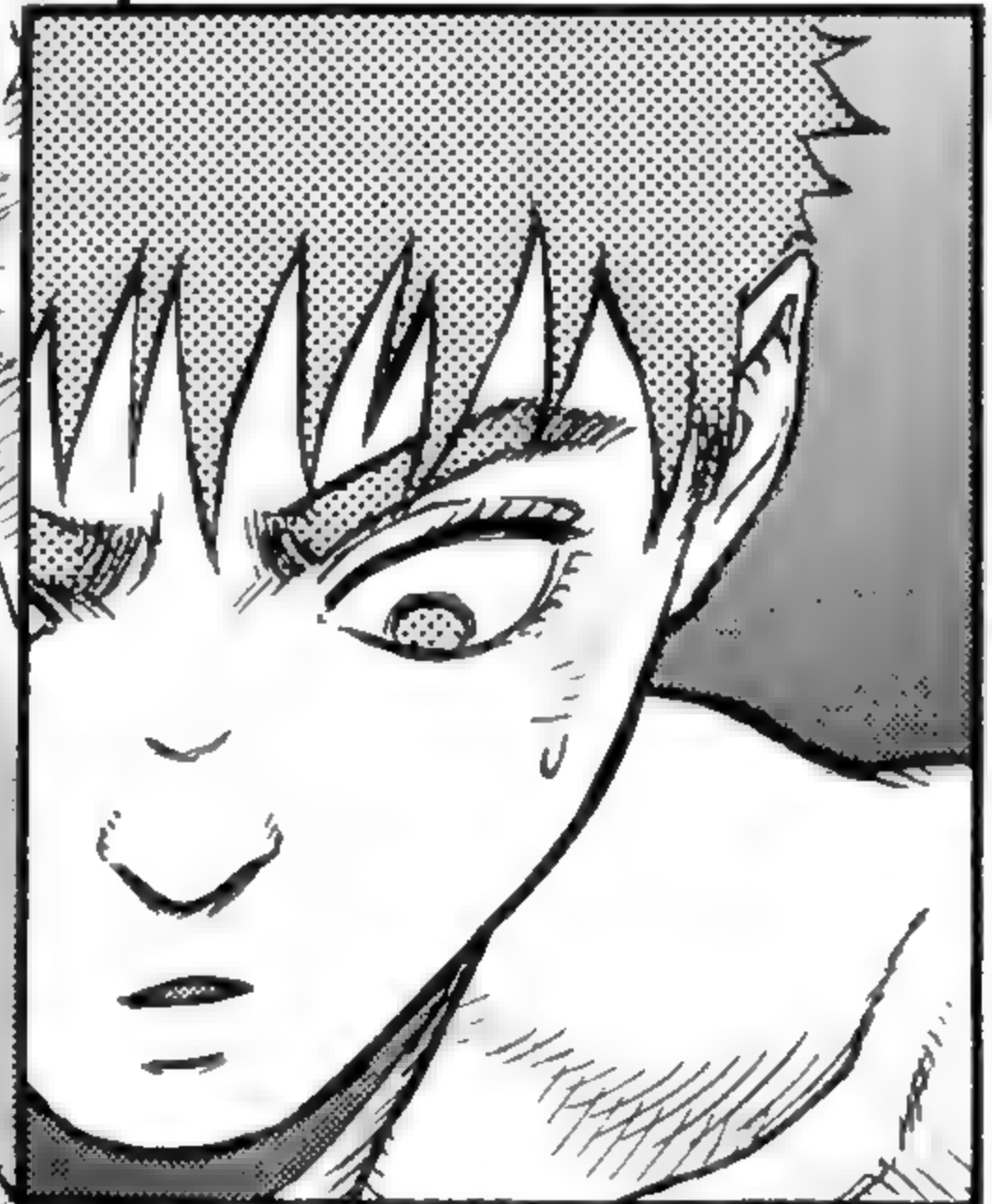


IF
THEY'RE
ALIVE.

....
...!!









CASCA (1): END

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セル
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WHETHER
YOU COME
ALONG OR
NOT IS YOUR
DECISION.

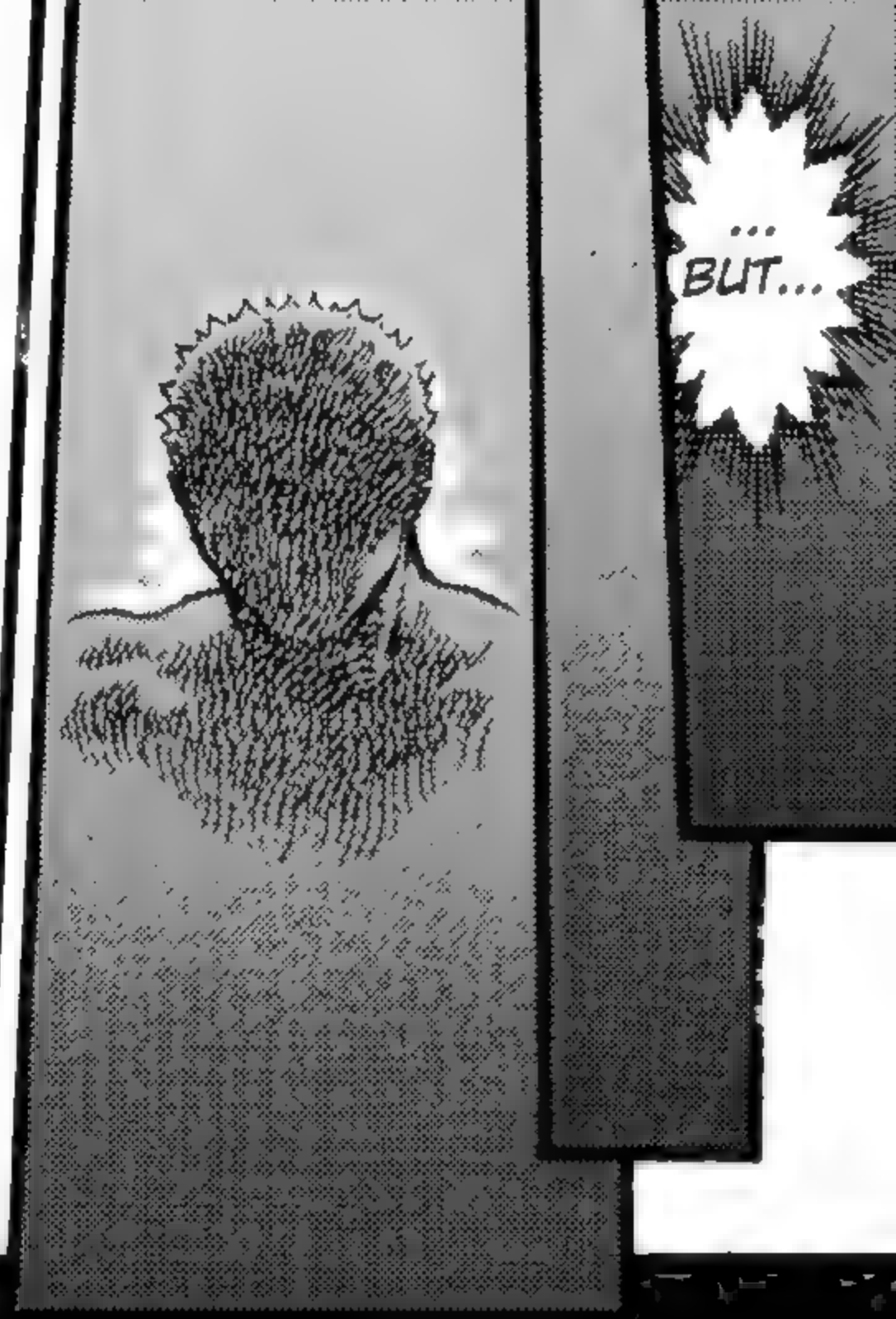
YOU
KNOW HOW
TO FIGHT
ALREADY,
DON'T
YOU?

BUT...

...BUT
...

キャスカ(2)

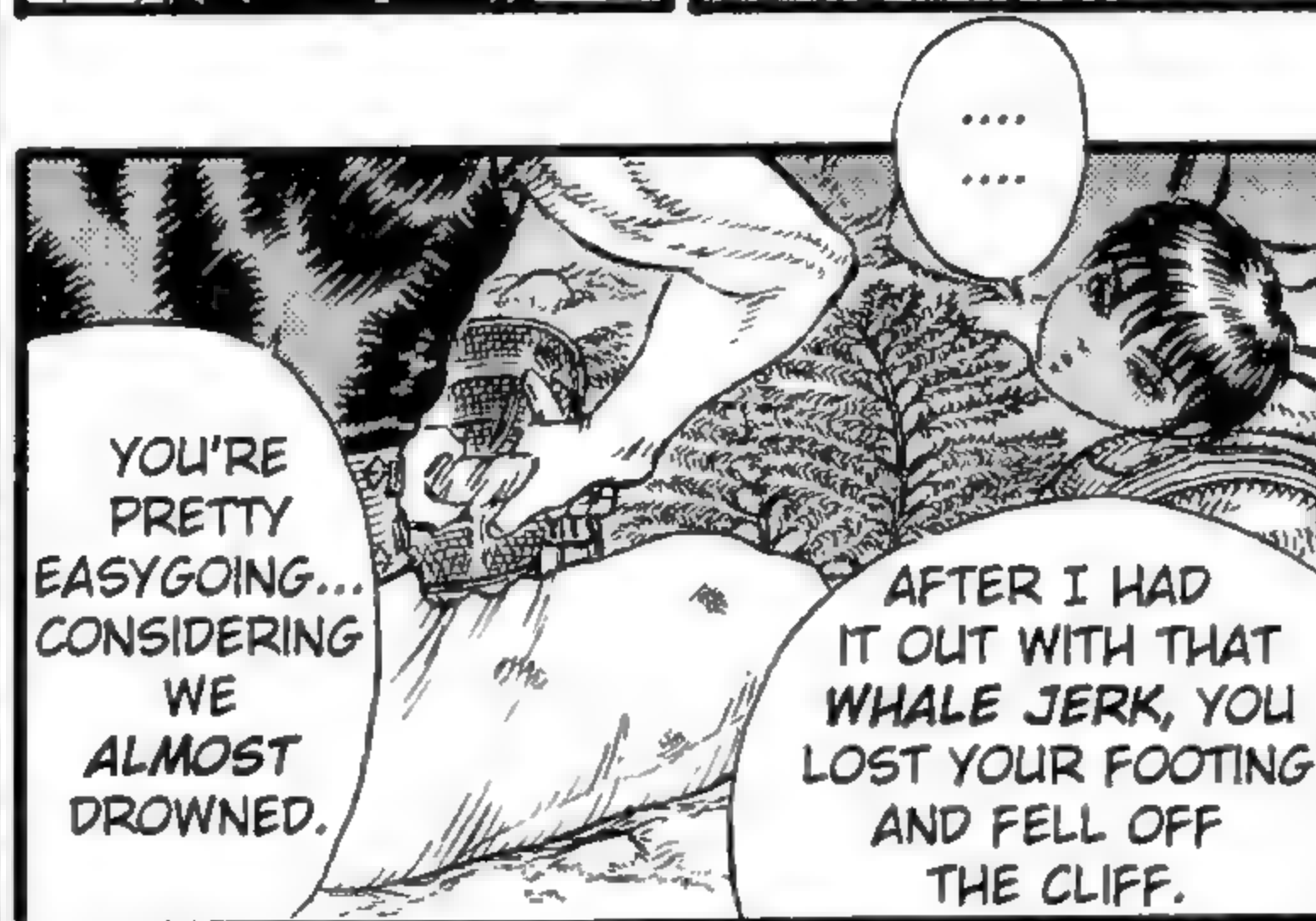
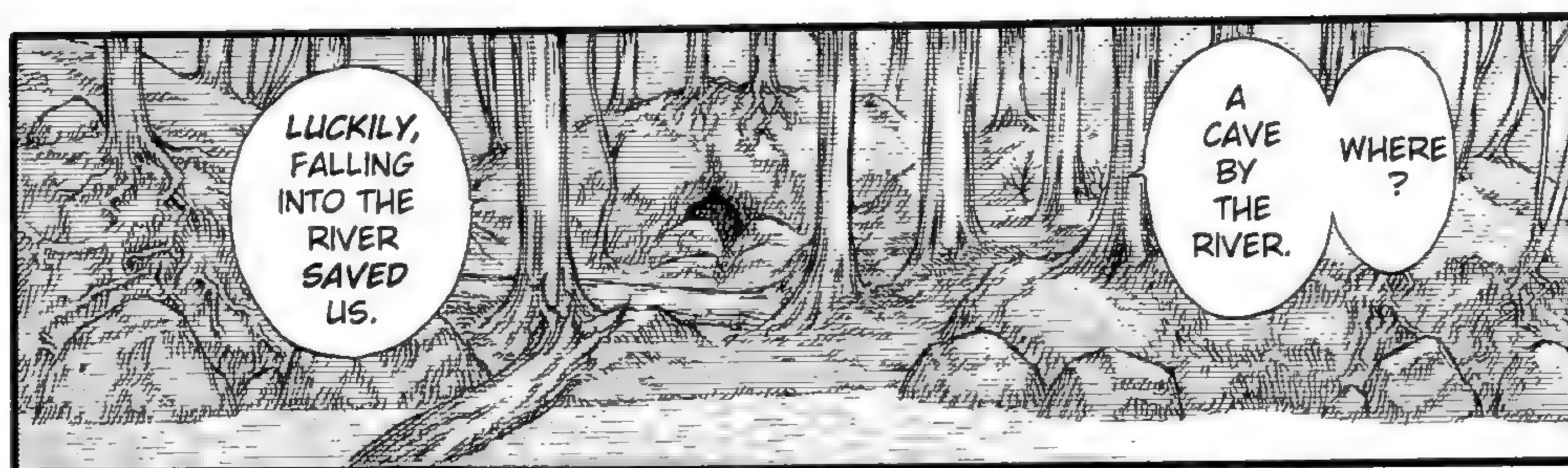
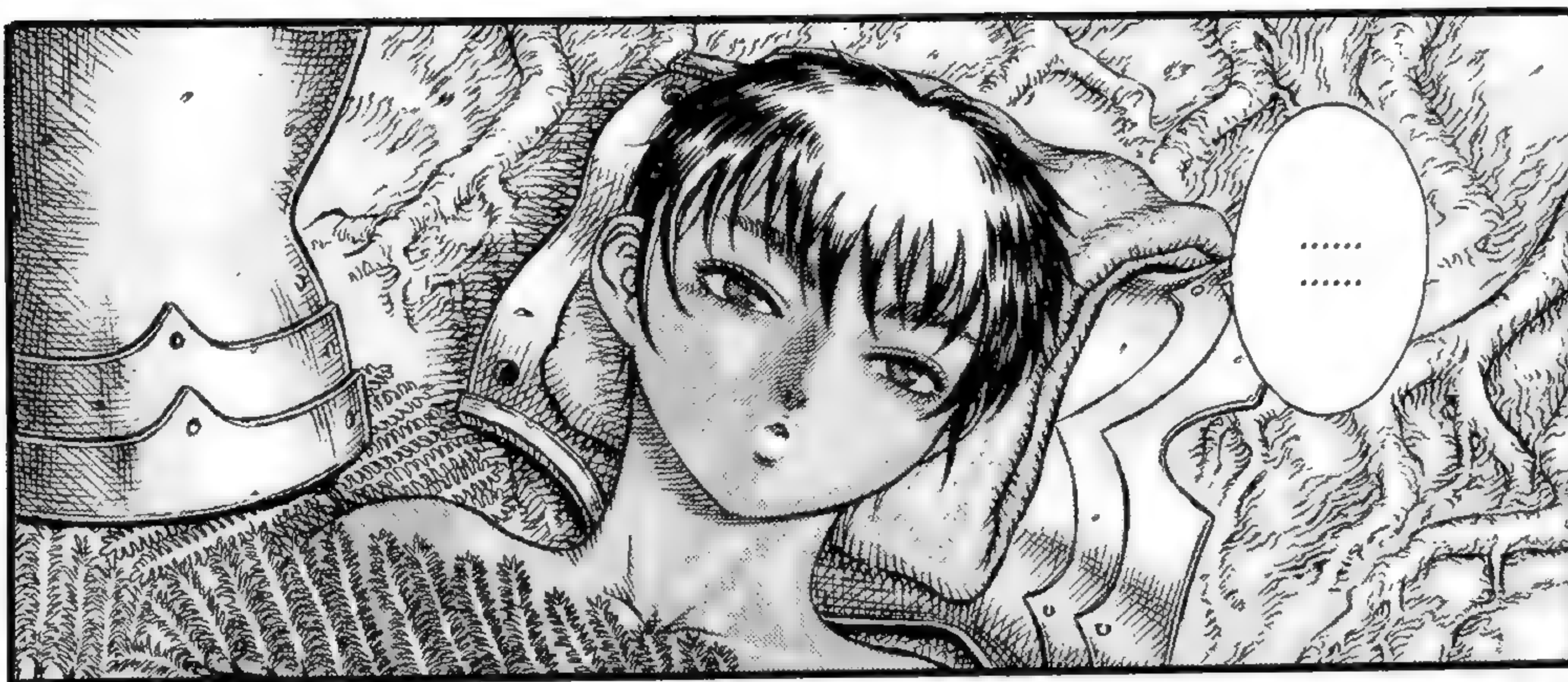
CASCA CHAPTER 2



...
BUT...



YO.





YOU WERE
SOAKIN' WET
AND FREEZIN'
TO DEATH TO
BOOT.

WHAT
COULD
I DO?



...WHAT'S
THAT
LOOK
FOR?

HERE.

...



...O-OW!!

WHAT'RE YOU DOIN'?! THAT HURT A TON!!



HERE I SAVED YOU AND NOW!!



HEY!!

CUT THAT OU--!!



...



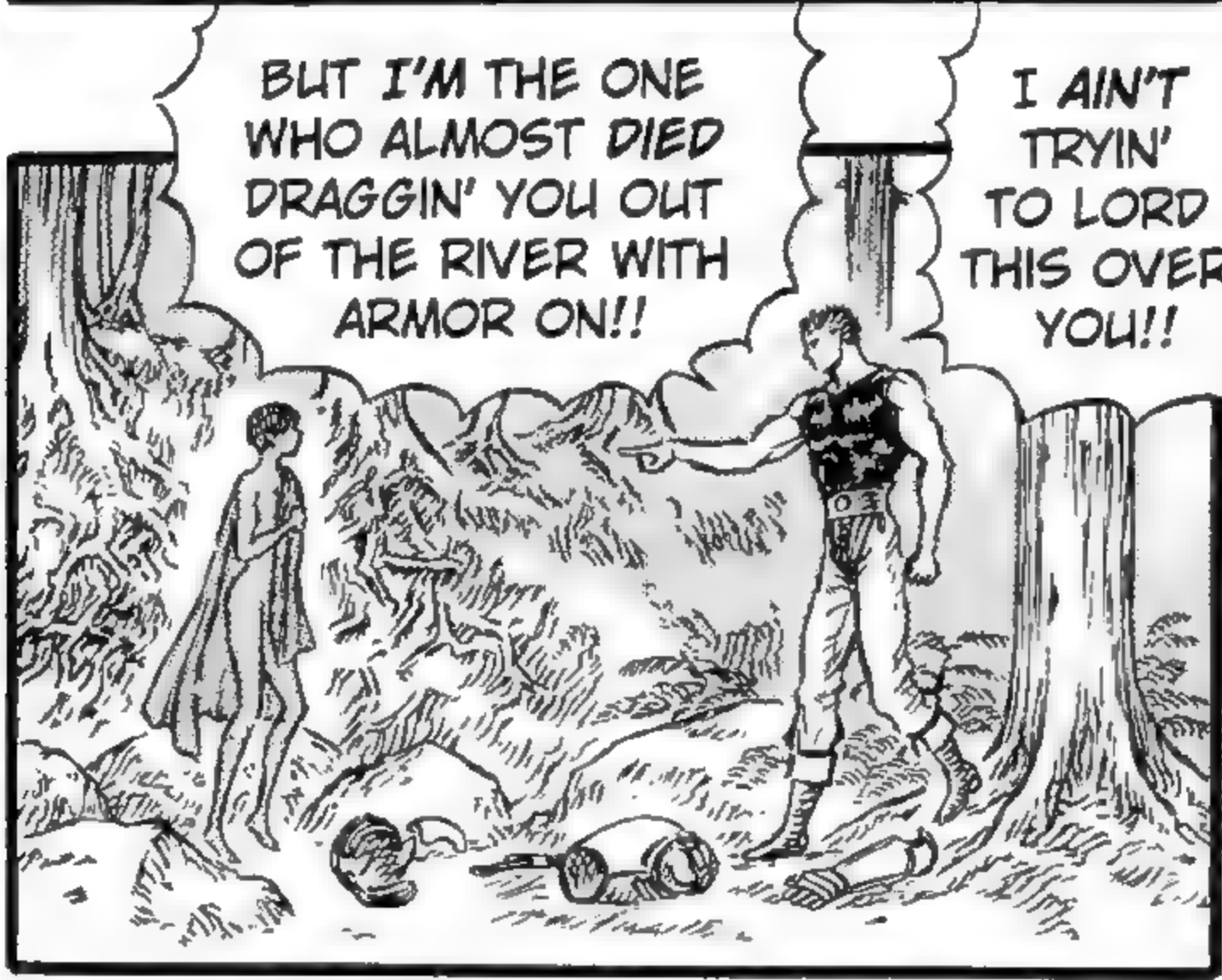
YOU...
HYSTERIC
BITCH!!

HELLO!!
YOU
FINISHED
NOW?!



BUT I'M THE ONE
WHO ALMOST DIED
DRAGGIN' YOU OUT
OF THE RIVER WITH
ARMOR ON!!

I AIN'T
TRYIN'
TO LORD
THIS OVER
YOU!!



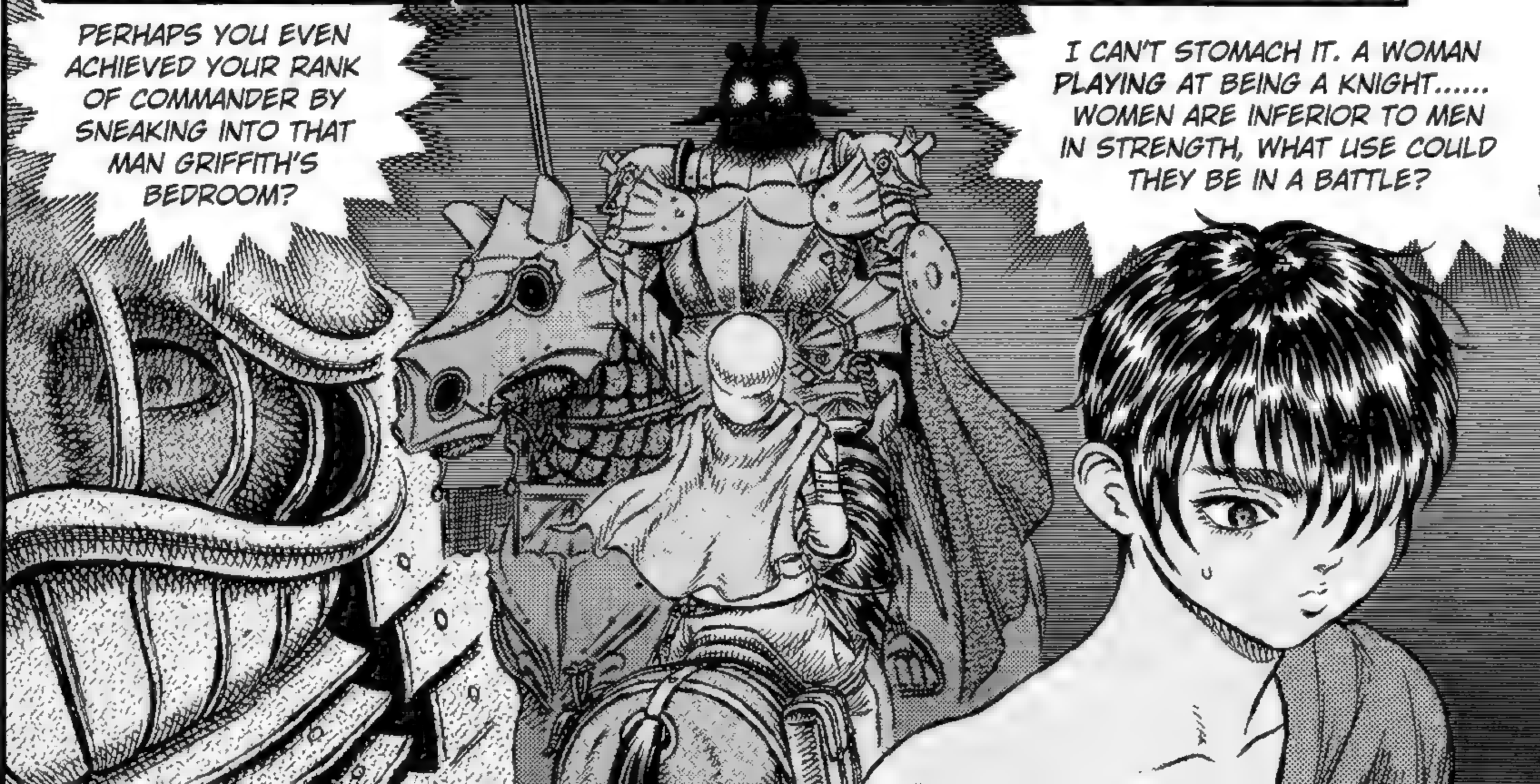
IF YOU
WEREN'T A
WOMAN,
I'D KNOCK
YOUR JAW
RIGHT
OUTTA JOINT
FOR THAT!!

INSTEAD
OF ONE
WORD OF
THANKS,
YOU HURL
A KNIFE
AT ME?!



PERHAPS YOU EVEN
ACHIEVED YOUR RANK
OF COMMANDER BY
SNEAKING INTO THAT
MAN GRIFFITH'S
BEDROOM?

I CAN'T STOMACH IT. A WOMAN
PLAYING AT BEING A KNIGHT.....
WOMEN ARE INFERIOR TO MEN
IN STRENGTH, WHAT USE COULD
THEY BE IN A BATTLE?





I
WASN'T...

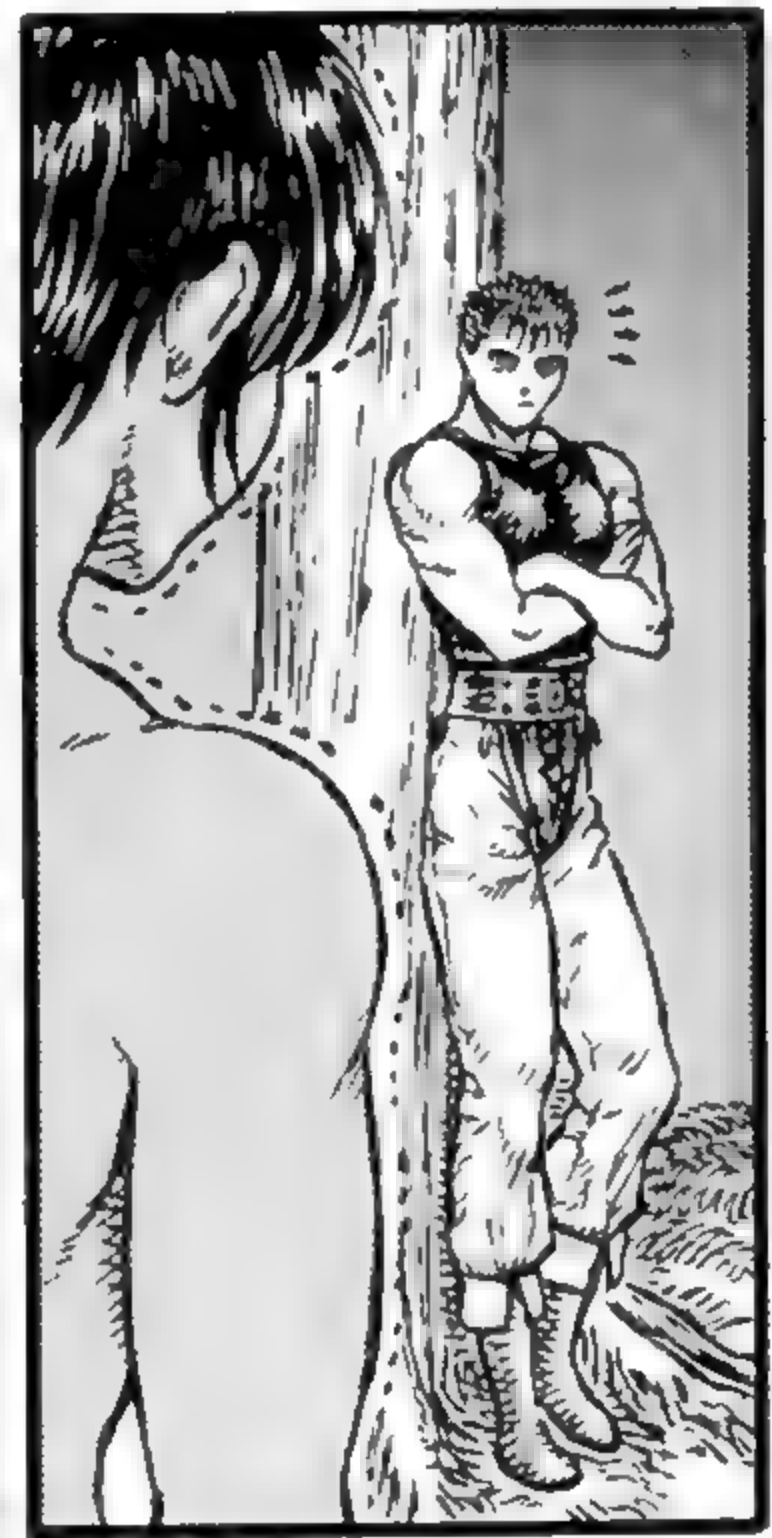


THIS IS
WHY WOMEN
AIN'T CUT
OUT TO BE
WARRIORS.

YOU'RE ALWAYS
SO DAMN READY
TO BE PISSED
ABOUT SOME-
THIN' ...



WHA
...?



...BORN
A WOMAN
BECAUSE
I WANTED
TO BE..

I
WASN'T...



.....
.....
NOW
SHE'S
CRYIN'....



HEY...
SORRY...

NOT
THAT I
REALLY
GET
IT...



LET
GO...!!

CALM YOUR ASS
DOWN!! DON'T
MAKE ME
FORCE YOU!!



LET...



SONUVA!!
YOU
REALLY
ARE SOME
KINDA
BITCH!!







IT'S
GRIFFITH.



...
THEN,
WHAT-
EVER.

IF YOU
DON'T
WANNA
SAY IT
...



....
....



GRIFFITH
...



...WAS
POOR AND
NESTLED
IN A
MOUNTAIN
RAVINE.

MY HOME
VILLAGE...



THE LAND
WAS BARREN,
AND WE COULDN'T
REALLY GROW MUCH
BESIDES OATS.

EVEN SO,
WE WERE BLED
DRY BY TAXES
FOR THE WAR
EFFORT.

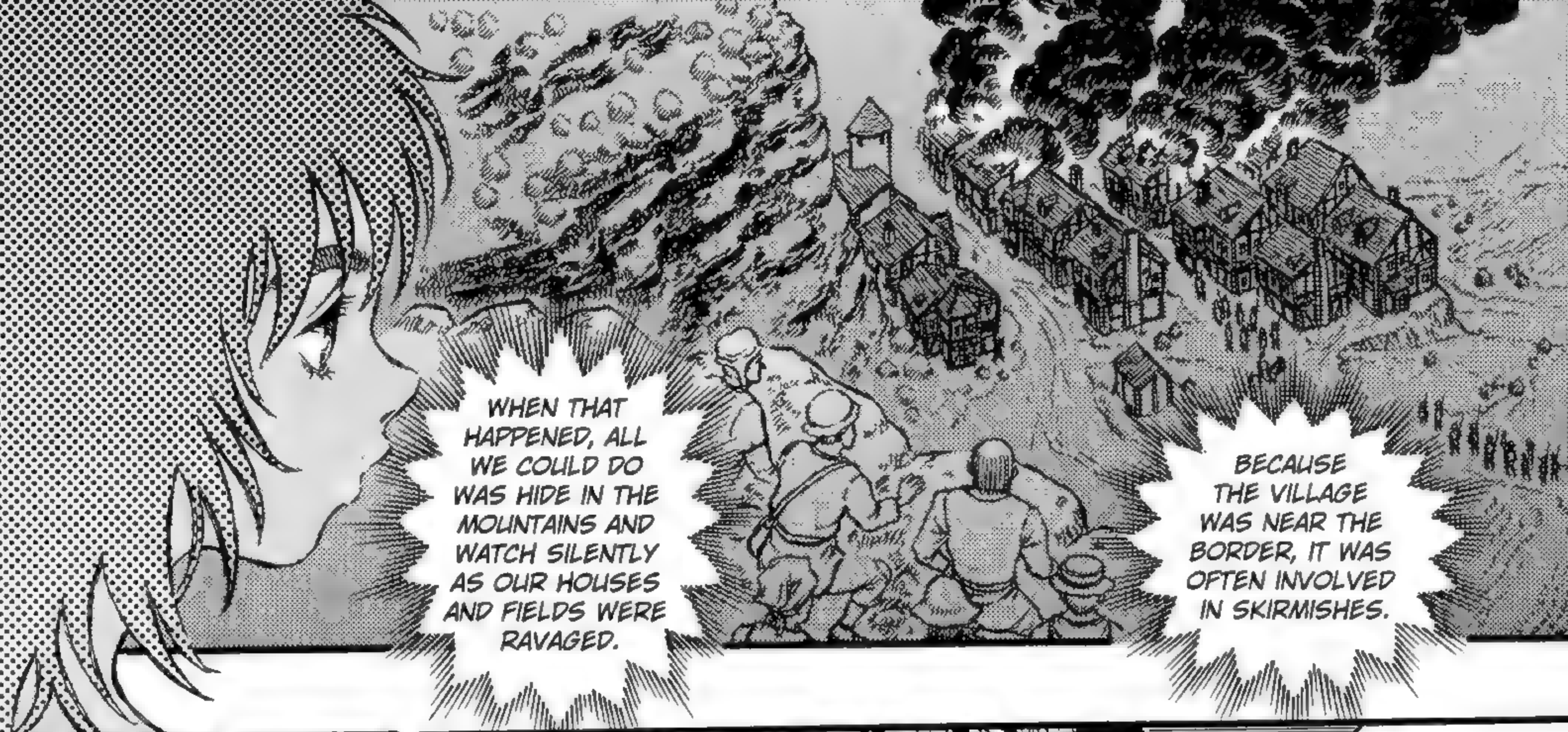


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....



HAVING TO
GO THREE
DAYS WITHOUT
ANY FOOD
WAS A
COMMON
THING...

PEOPLE
EVEN
STARVED
TO DEATH
IN WINTER.



WHEN THAT HAPPENED, ALL WE COULD DO WAS HIDE IN THE MOUNTAINS AND WATCH SILENTLY AS OUR HOUSES AND FIELDS WERE RAVAGED.

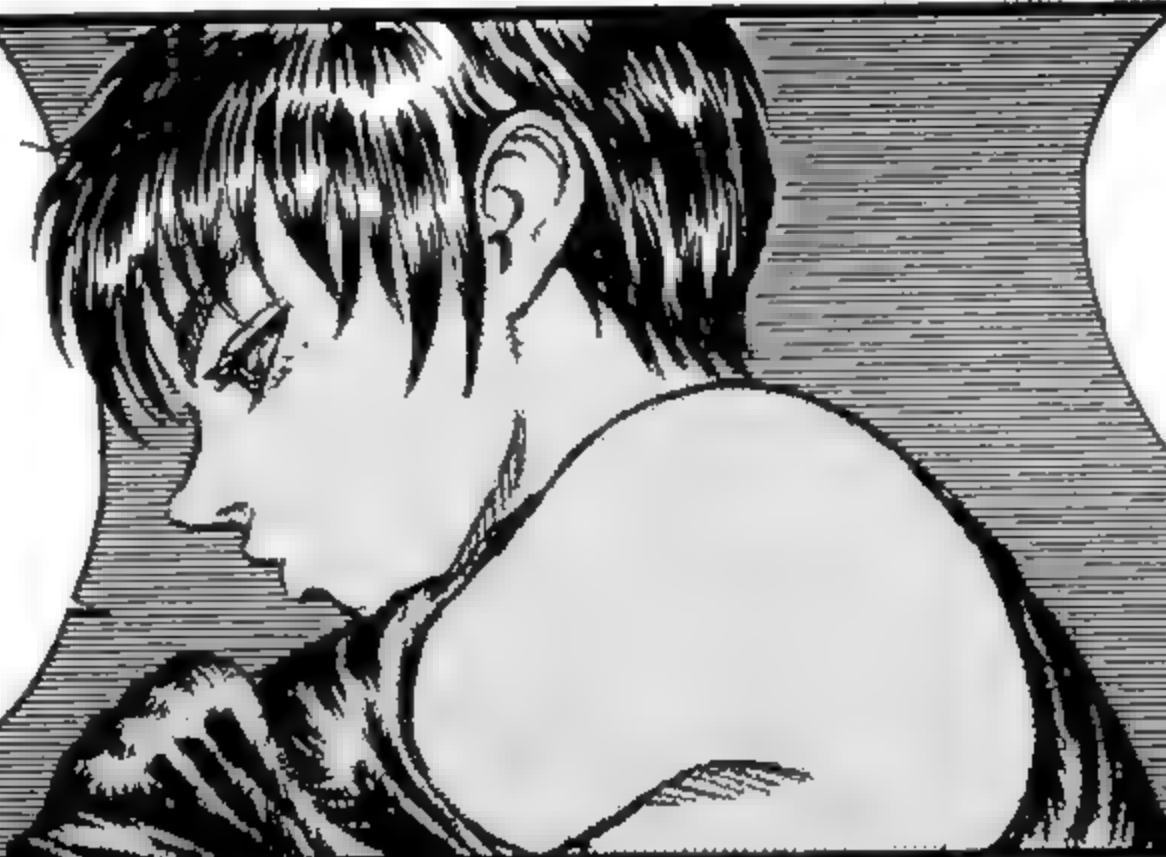
BECAUSE THE VILLAGE WAS NEAR THE BORDER, IT WAS OFTEN INVOLVED IN SKIRMISHES.



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.....

I TOO THOUGHT THAT SUCH A WAY OF LIFE WAS JUST NATURAL.

WE WERE ALL USED TO BEING ROBBED AND WALKED OVER.



IT WAS JUST LIKE WITH ANY OTHER VILLAGE...

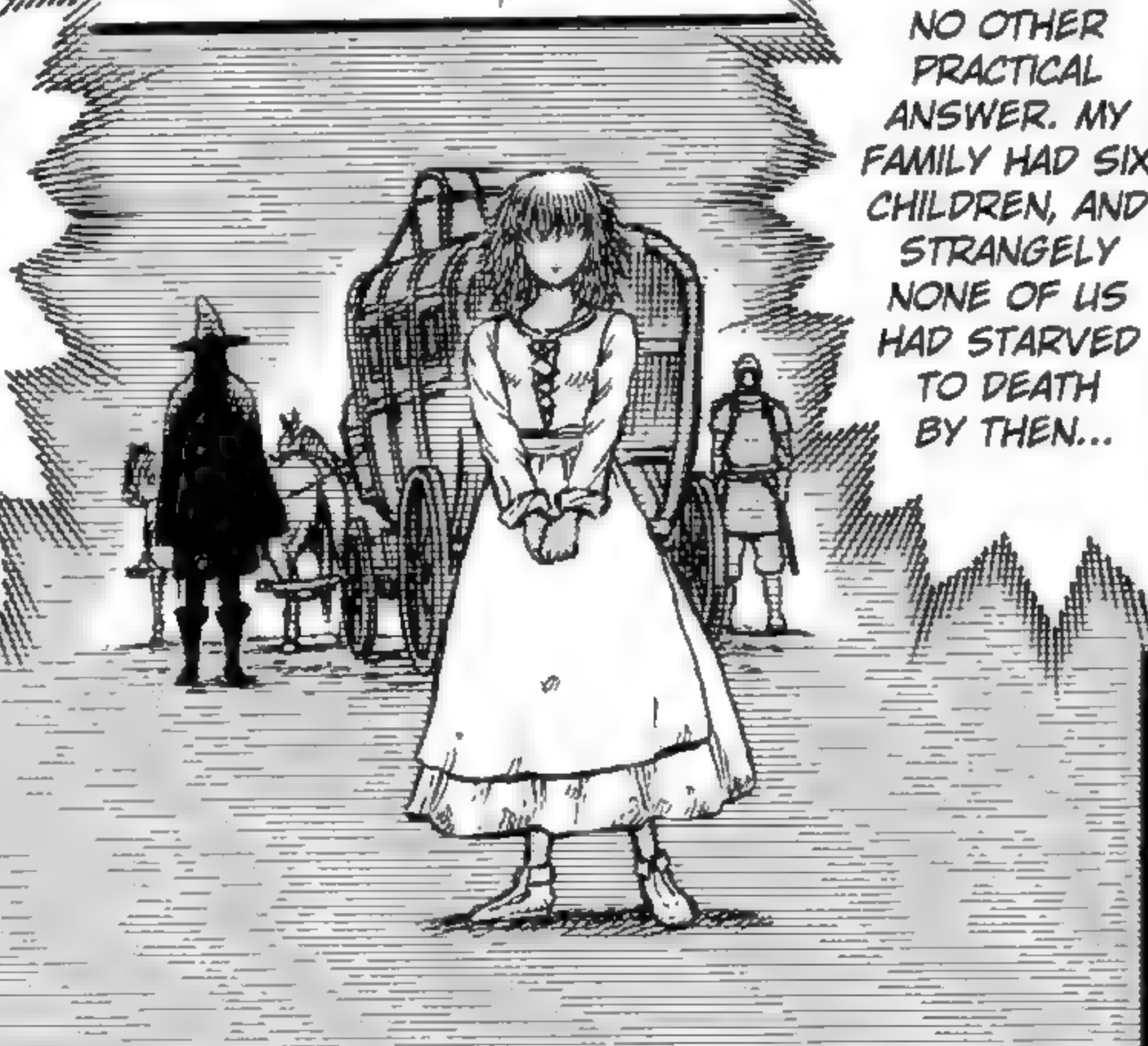


THE NOBLEMAN APPROACHED MY PARENTS SAYING HE WANTED ME FOR A CASTLE MAID.

WHILE MY FATHER WAS RELUCTANT, HE ACCEPTED THE OFFER.



I THINK IT WAS THE NATURAL CHOICE FOR MY FATHER TO LOSE HIS YOUNGEST DAUGHTER, WHO WASN'T MUCH USE AS A WORKER AND YET ANOTHER MOUTH TO FEED.



THERE WAS NO OTHER PRACTICAL ANSWER. MY FAMILY HAD SIX CHILDREN, AND STRANGELY NONE OF US HAD STARVED TO DEATH BY THEN...



ONE DAY...

...A NOBLEMAN WHO HAPPENED TO PASS THROUGH THE VILLAGE ON A LONG RIDE CAUGHT SIGHT OF ME.



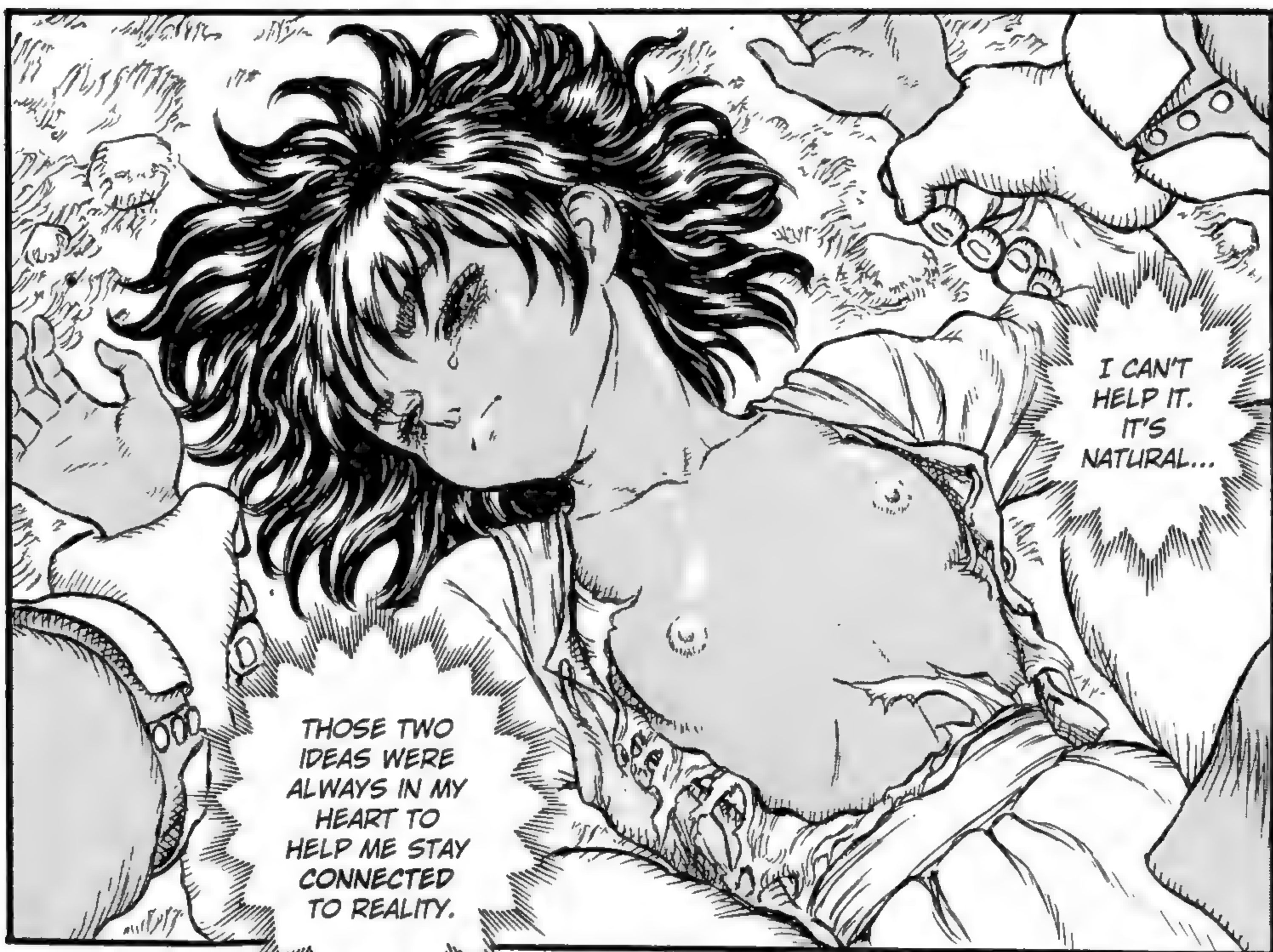
THIS WAS
HIS AIM
FROM THE
BEGINNING.



THERE'S NO
NOBLEMAN
WHIMSICAL ENOUGH
TO GO OUT OF
HIS WAY TO SAVE
A DESTITUTE GIRL
HE'S NEVER EVEN
SEEN BEFORE.



IT WAS
OBVIOUS
WHEN
YOU
THINK
ABOUT
IT...



I CAN'T
HELP IT.
IT'S
NATURAL...

THOSE TWO
IDEAS WERE
ALWAYS IN MY
HEART TO
HELP ME STAY
CONNECTED
TO REALITY.



...JUST
THEN...

BUT...





...MEAN
THAT
YOU'RE
CHOSEN
BY
GOD?

DOES
BEING
BORN
OF THE
NOBILITY...



I THOUGHT GOD
HAD TAKEN PITY ON
THIS MISERABLE,
POWERLESS GIRL
AND SENT AN
ANGEL...

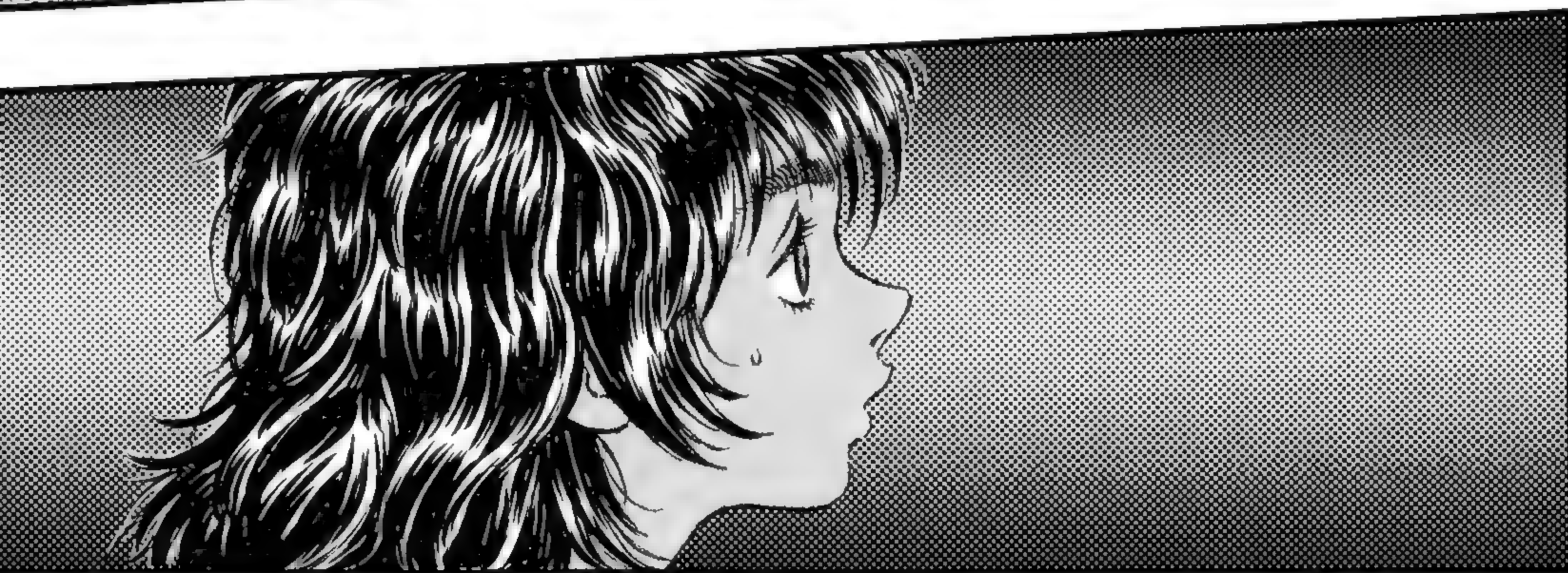
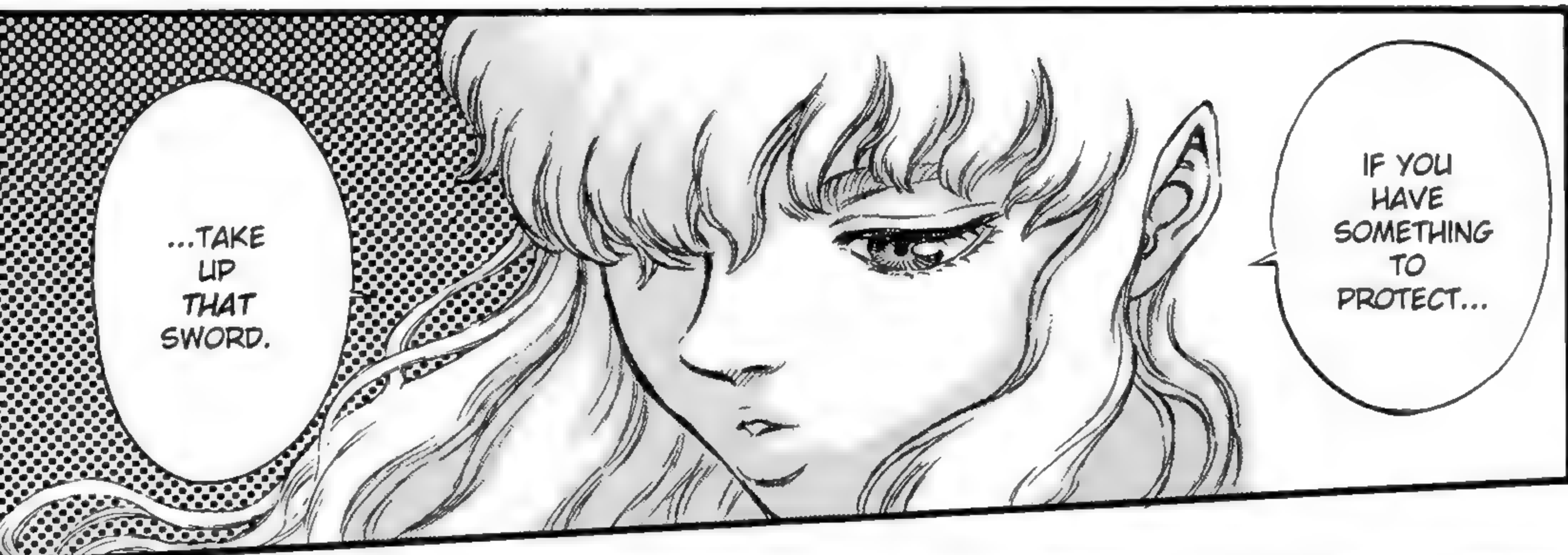
HE WAS
AWE-INSPIRING...
AN
OTHERWORLDLY
SPECTACLE.

SO
STRANGE.....
IT WAS AS IF
THE IMAGE OF
SOME SAINT
ADORNING THE
WALL OF MY
VILLAGE CHURCH
HAD JUST
COME TO
LIFE.

THAT'S
HOW IT
SEEMED
FOR AN
INSTANT
TO ME AT
TWELVE
YEARS
OLD.

BUT WHAT
THAT ANGEL
EXTENDED
TO ME
WASN'T A
FAIRY
TALE-
LIKE...

...HELPING
HAND
IN MY
TIME OF
NEED.





...I WAS
AFRAID.



IN ANY
CASE, I
KILLED
SOMEONE
FOR THE
FIRST
TIME.

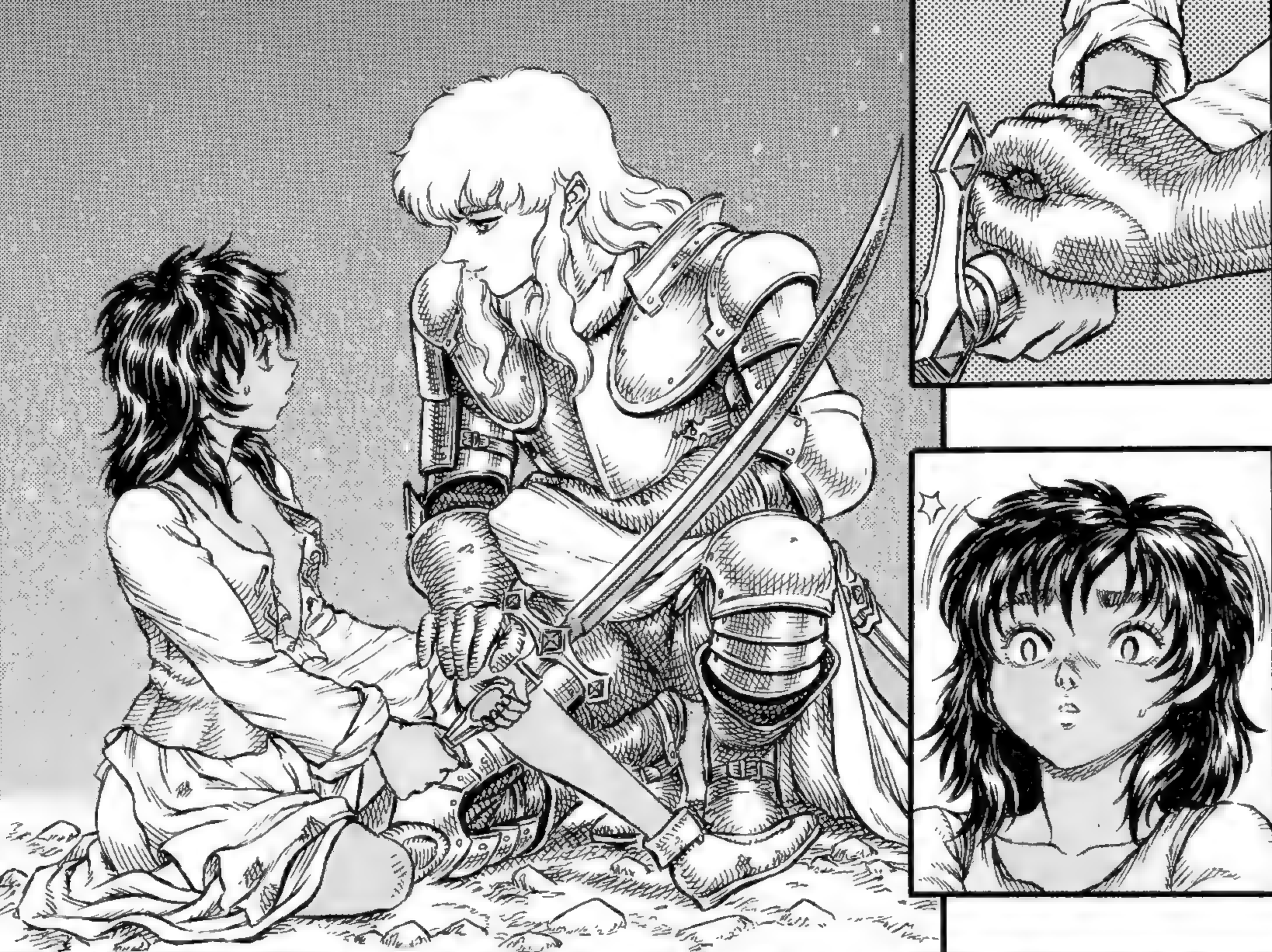
I
DON'T KNOW
WHETHER I
STABBED HIM
OR IF HE
FELL ON THE
BLADE BY
HIMSELF...



I WAS
NEVER
GOING TO
LET GO OF
THE SWORD
WITH BLOOD
DRIPPING
FROM IT.

I WAS
SO AFRAID...
I COULDN'T
SPEAK OR
MOVE FROM
THAT SPOT.





DEEPLY
AND
SLOWLY...

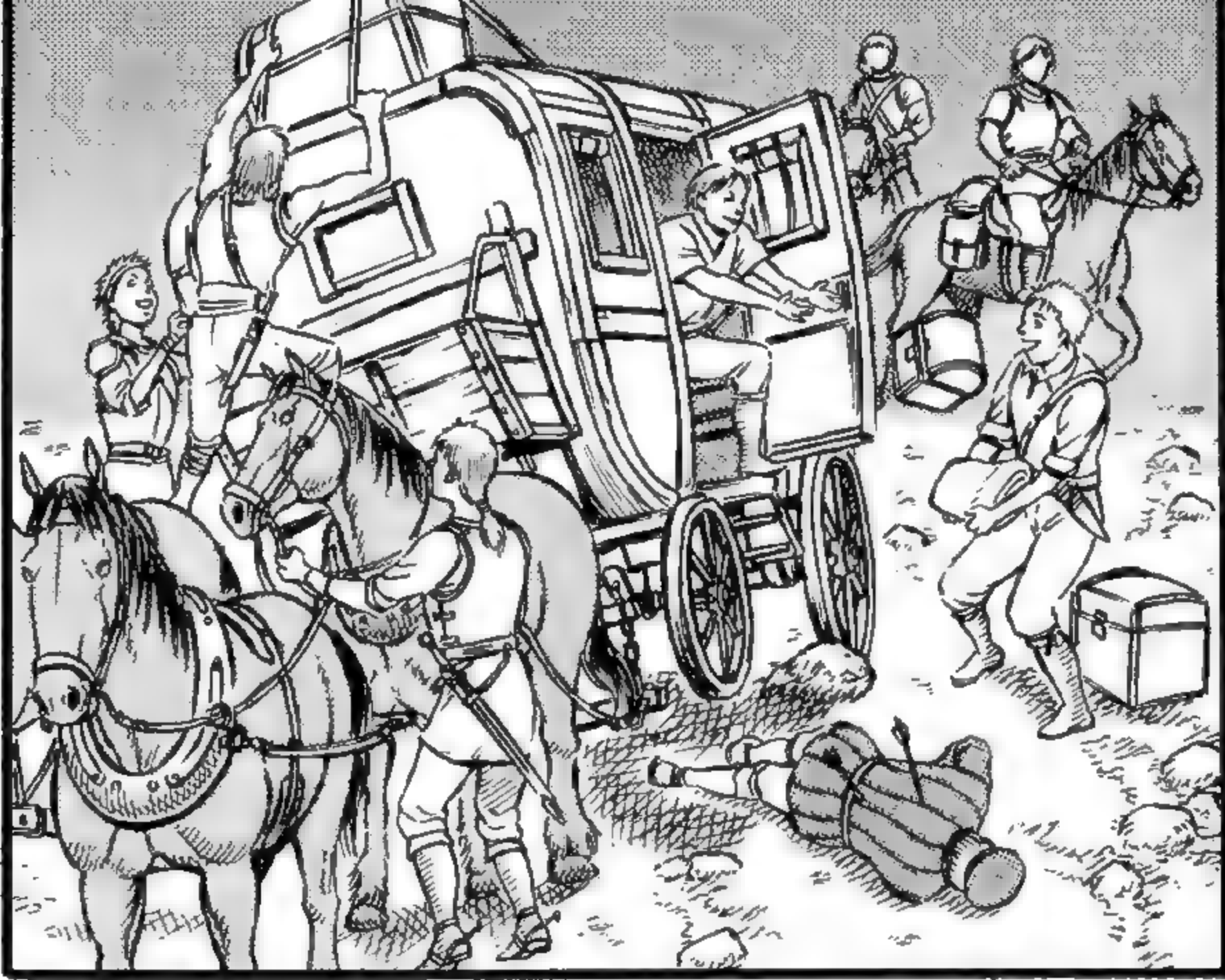
HE
JUST
NODDED...

HIS
MAGNIFI-
CENCE...
AND THE
WARMTH OF
THE BLANKET
HE GAVE ME
FILLED MY
HEART.

THE
FEAR
DIDN'T
VANISH
COMPLETELY,
BUT THE
FEELINGS
OF GUILT
AND
REGRET
FADED...

...WAS
THE REAL
HELPING
HAND HE
EXTENDED
TO ME.

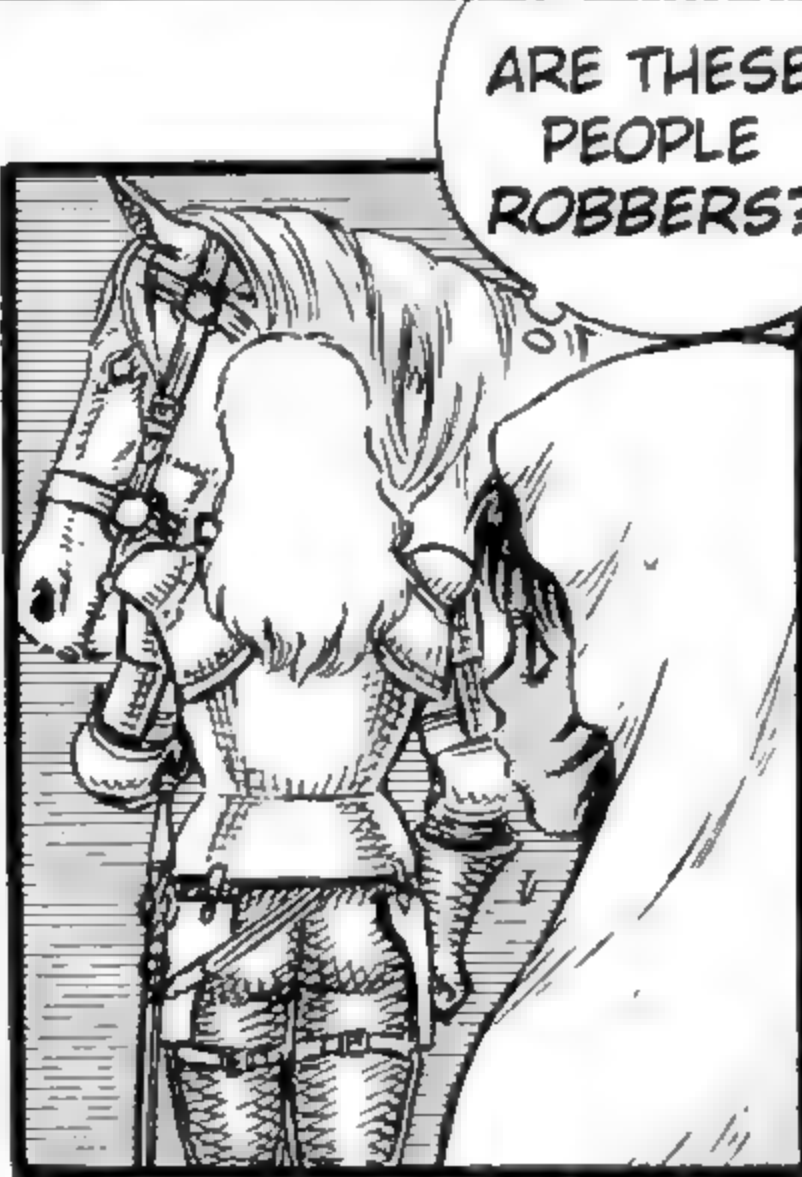
BUT
THAT...



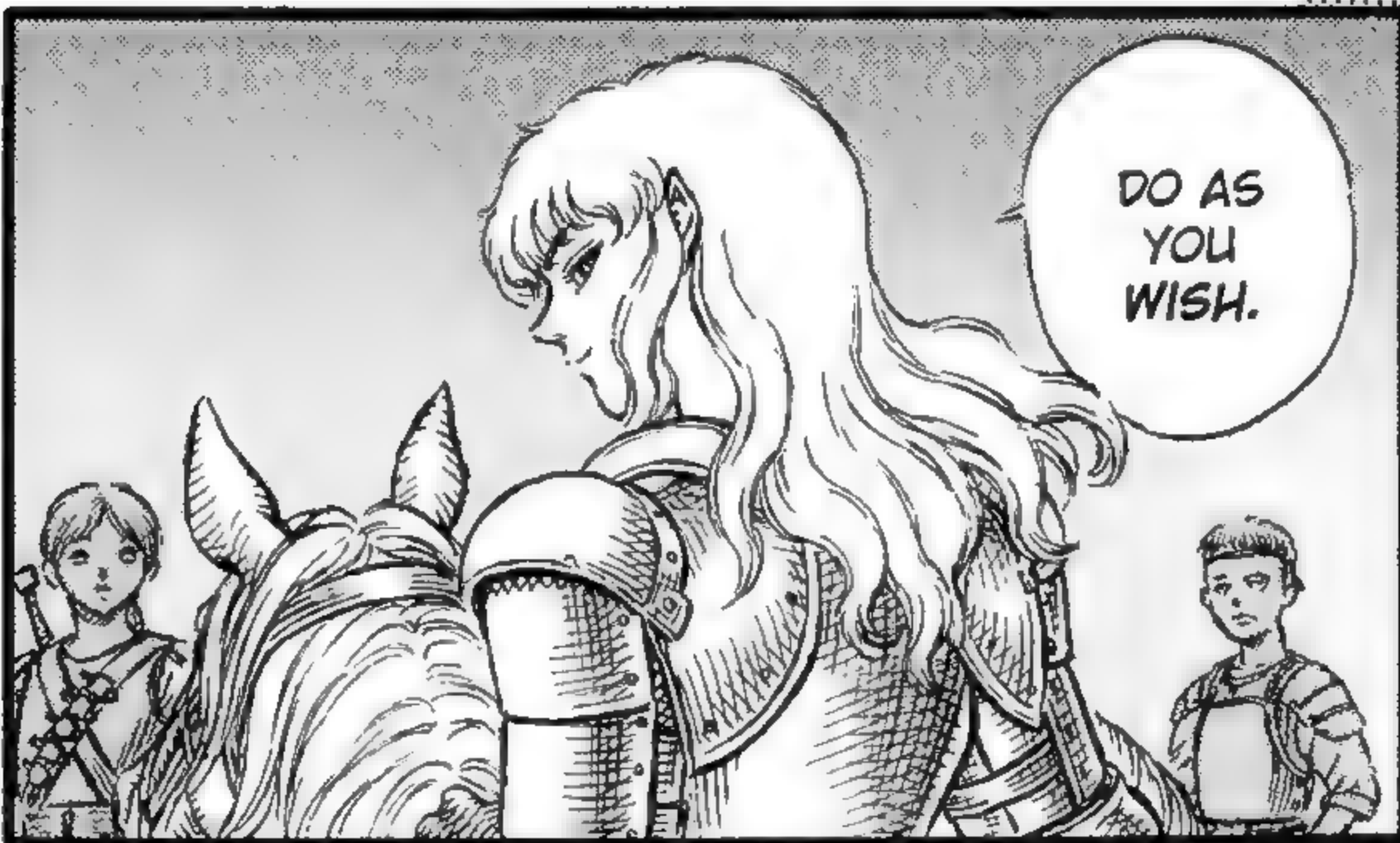
GRIFFITH,
WE'RE FINISHED
OVER THERE.



AH...
...WAIT.



ARE THESE
PEOPLE
ROBBERS?



DO AS
YOU
WISH.



...LET
ME.



...

...SHOULD
I DO?

WHAT...

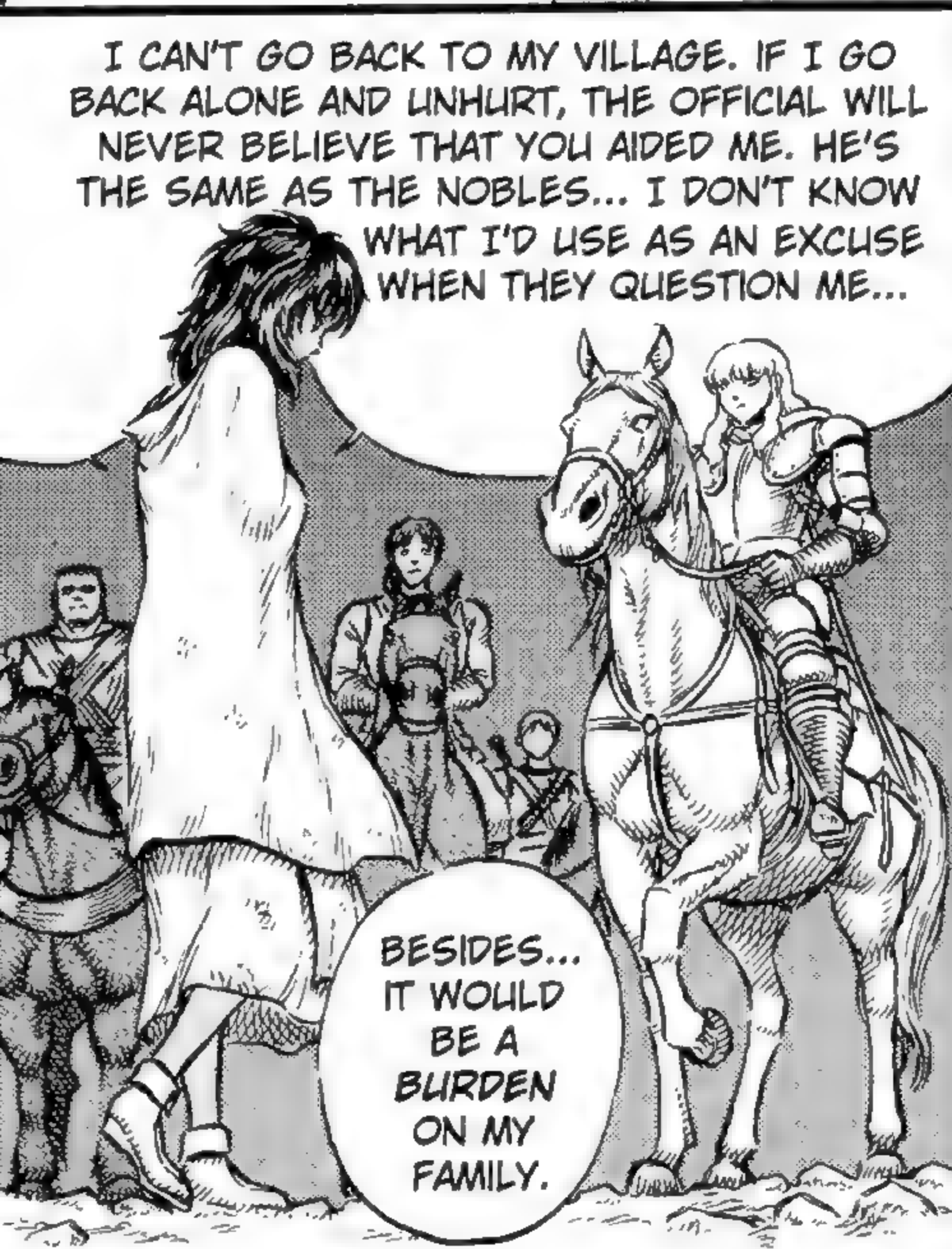




LET
ME
COME
WITH
YOU!!

ON
IMPULSE...

THOSE
WORDS
SPRANG
FROM MY
MOUTH.



I CAN'T GO BACK TO MY VILLAGE. IF I GO
BACK ALONE AND UNHURT, THE OFFICIAL WILL
NEVER BELIEVE THAT YOU AIDED ME. HE'S
THE SAME AS THE NOBLES... I DON'T KNOW
WHAT I'D USE AS AN EXCUSE
WHEN THEY QUESTION ME...

BESIDES...
IT WOULD
BE A
BURDEN
ON MY
FAMILY.



GIRLY.

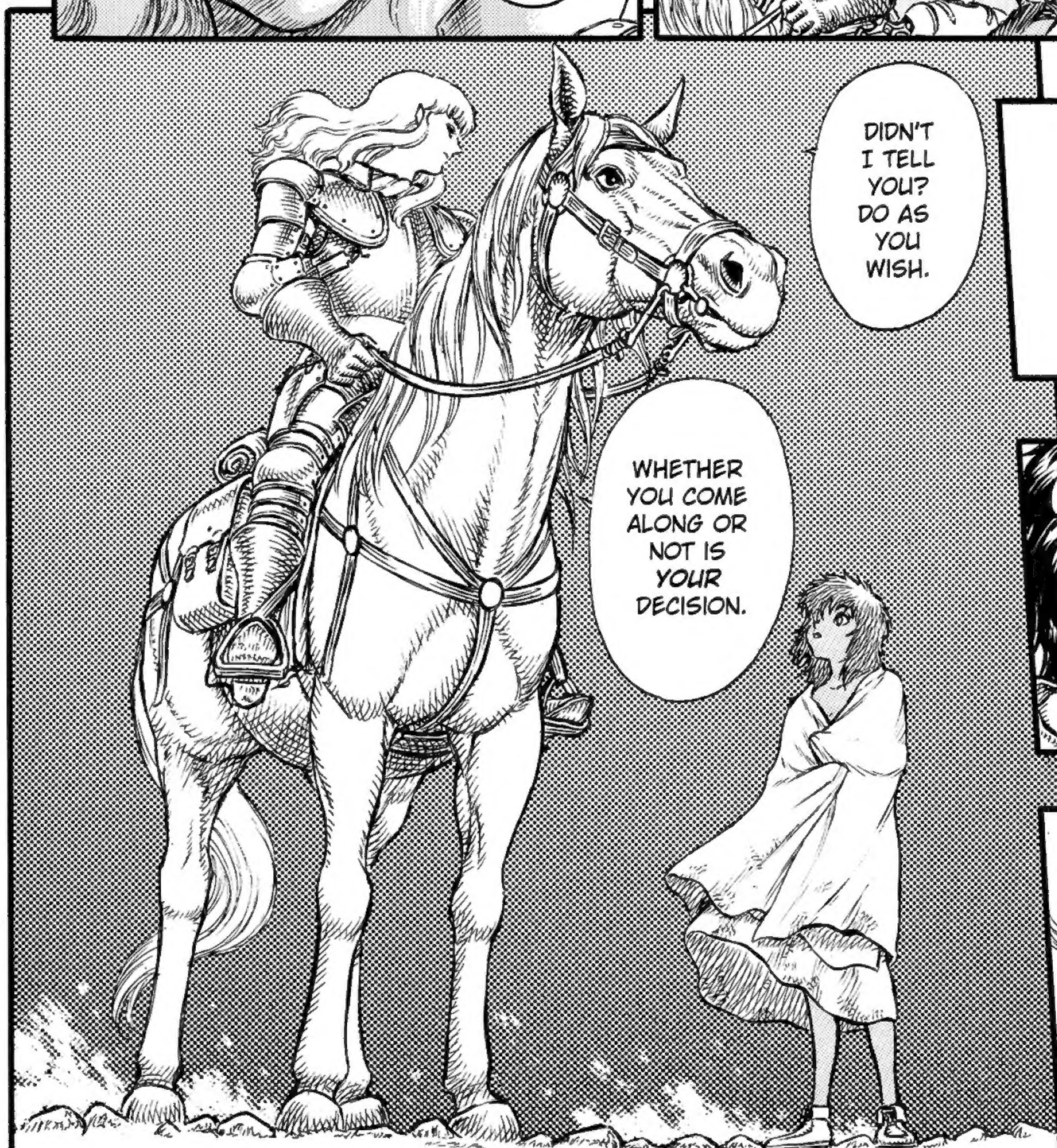
HEY,
HEY,
DON'T
JOKE
AROUND.



WE'RE
COLLECTIN' WAR
FUNDS SO
WE CAN
EVENTUALLY
SET UP AN
ARMY!

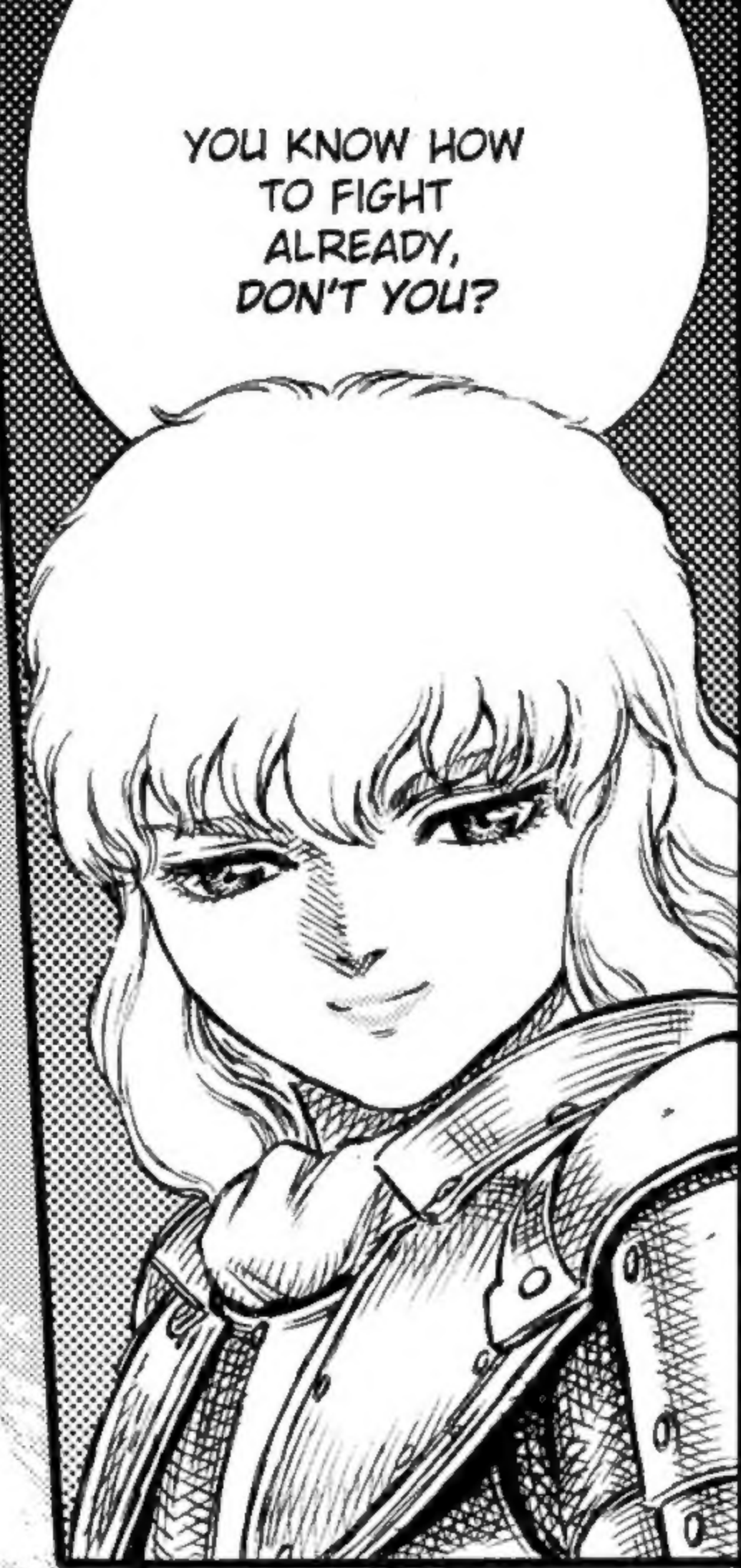
WE AIN'T
JUST
SOME
THIEVES!

HOW
CAN WE
FIGHT WITH
WOMEN
AND KIDS
ALONG?!





YOU KNOW HOW
TO FIGHT
ALREADY,
DON'T YOU?



BUT...

...WHO
GAVE
ME THE
SWORD
AND THE
BLANKET.

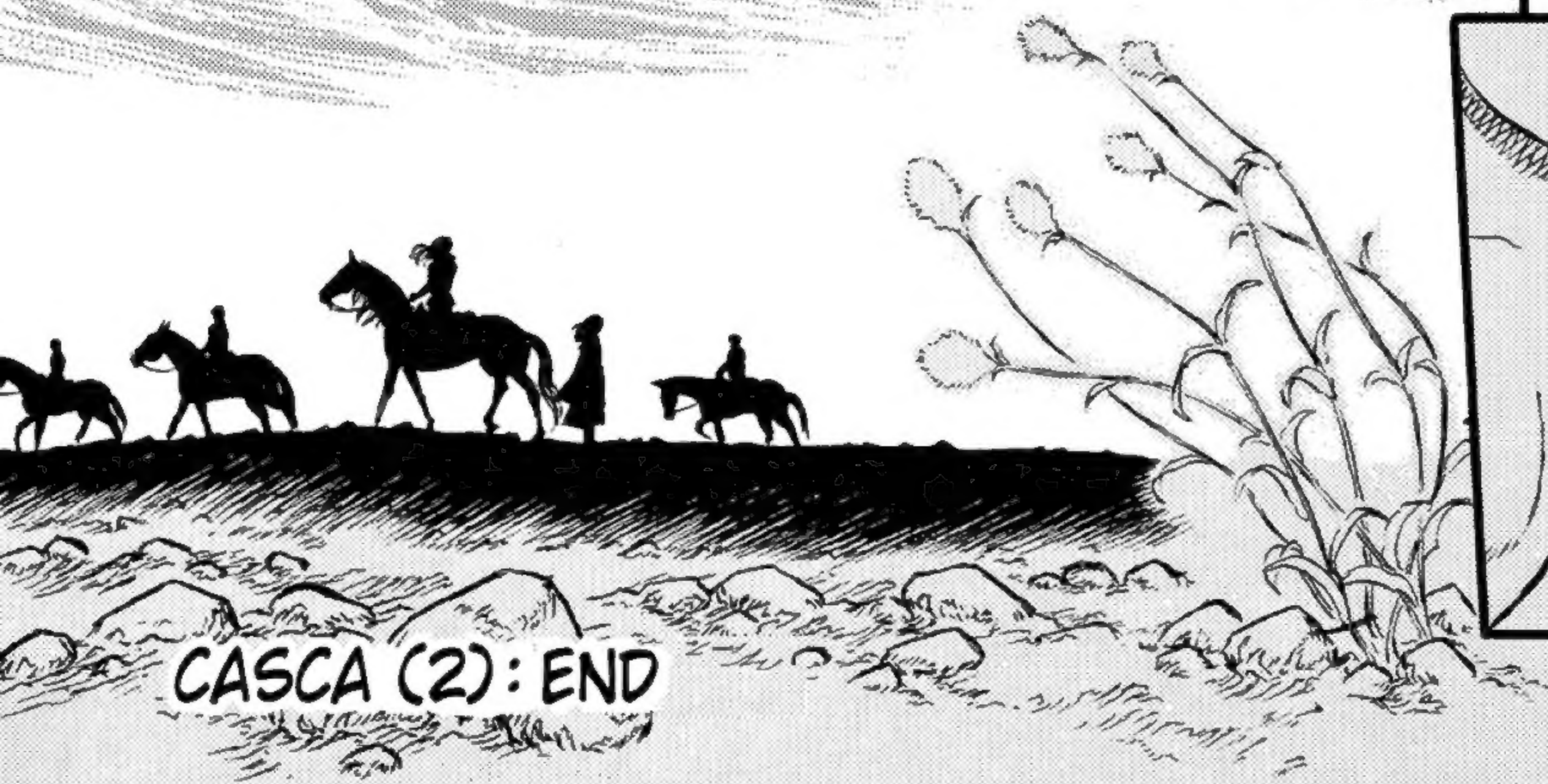
YOU
WERE
THE
ONE...



BUT...



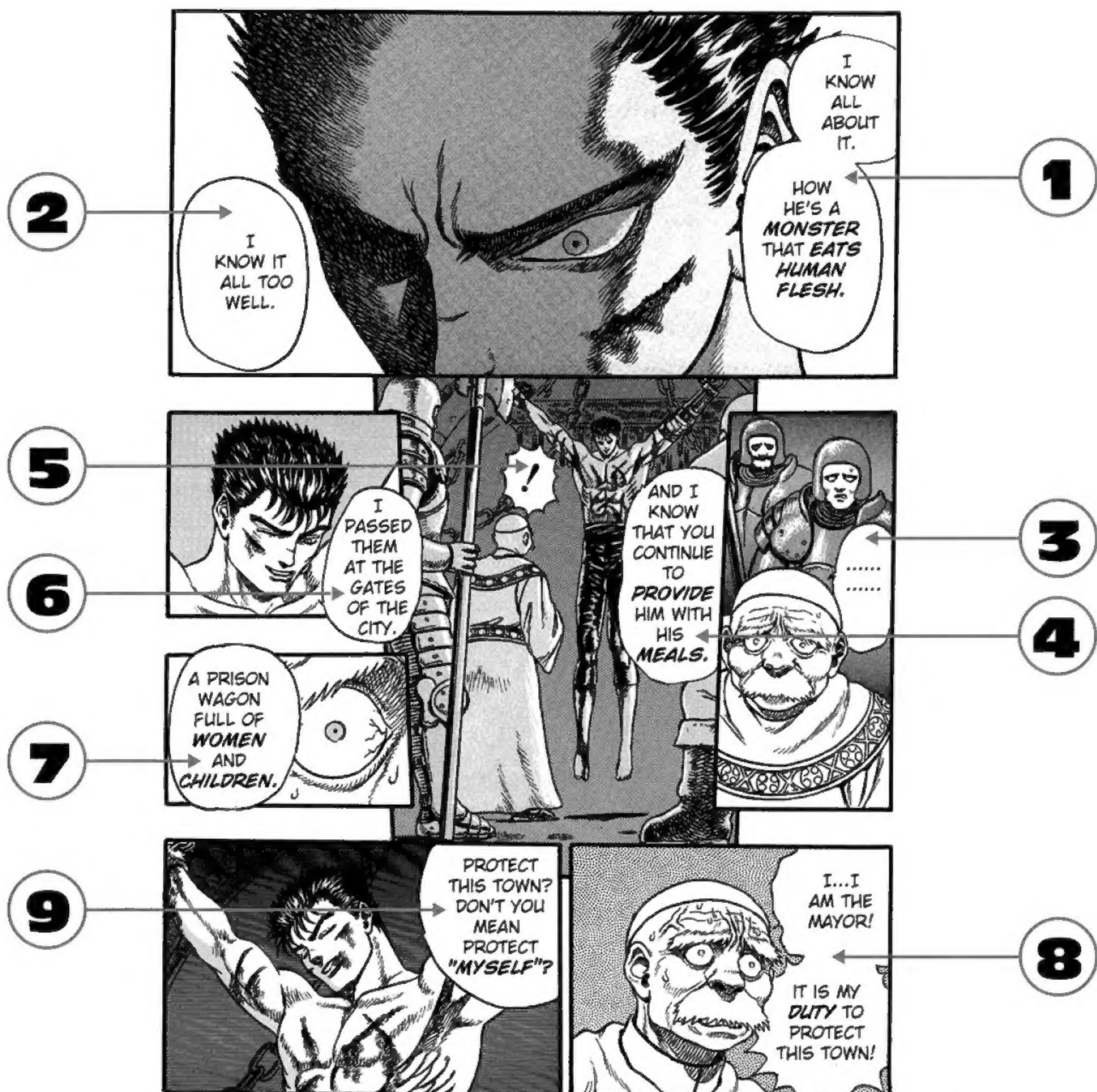
CASCA (2): END



! STOP

This is the back of the book!

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BERSERK

**KENTARO
MIURA**

6

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Back in the day, Guts the Black Swordsman was a top slayer for the Band of the Hawk, an elite mercenary unit led by Griffith, whose calm demeanor and callow beauty belied his fighting prowess and steel will. While in a king's employ, the attraction between the king's daughter and Griffith combined with the growing favor of the king toward the Hawk leader raises the hackles of the king's jealous brother, who plots to have Griffith summarily assassinated. But if the plot fails, the king's brother will likely have to deal with Guts and his titanic broadsword, and the results of such confrontations are rarely pretty . . . or easy to clean up!

Created by Kentaro Miura, *Berserk* is a bloodstained manga juggernaut, equal parts savage violence, gruesome horror, and black humor packed inside a flaming powder keg and rolled downhill into a crowd of terrified civilians. Let the weak-kneed get out of the way, 'cause *Berserk* ain't about to give up any ground!

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